

Small Group Guidelines and Agreement

We agree to the following values:

Clear Purpose: To grow healthy, spiritual lives by building a healthy small group community.

Group Attendance: To give priority to the group meeting (call if I will be absent or late).

Safe Environment: To create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved (no quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes).

Be Confidential: To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.

Conflict Resolution: To avoid gossip and to immediately resolve any concerns by following the principles of Matthew 18:15-17.

Spiritual Health: To give group members permission to speak into my life and help me live a healthy, balanced spiritual life that is pleasing to God.

Limit our Freedom: To limit our freedom by not serving or consuming alcohol during small group meetings or events so as to avoid causing a weaker brother or sister to stumble (1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Romans 14:19-21).

Welcome Newcomers: To invite friends who might benefit from this study and warmly welcome newcomers.

Building Relationships: To get to know the other members of the group and pray for them regularly.

Other _____

We have also discussed and agree on the following items:

Meals/refreshments _____

Childcare _____

Meeting place/Day _____

Start time _____

End time _____