

# Small Group Covenant

## *3Circle Church*

### **SMALL GROUPS: THEIR PURPOSE**

Small Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). We'll do this by focusing on four primary activities:

### **SHARING**

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first, this sharing will include planned sharing questions. But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

### **STUDY**

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous Sunday's sermon. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

### **SUPPORT**

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another, and meeting real needs.

### **SERVE**

Spiritual Growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through the service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community (Ephesians 4:11-16). Through the semester it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's kingdom.

### **FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP**

*For our group to be healthy, we need to...*

1. Make spiritual growth our number one priority (Romans 8:29)
  2. Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
  3. Take care of one another (John 13:34)
  4. Treat each other with respect (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)
  5. Keep our commitments to the group (Psalm 15:1-2, 4b)

# Guidelines and Covenant

We agree to the following values:

- To grow healthy spiritual lives by building community, and to seek for ways that we can encourage one another to grow in our faith through the fellowship of our group.
- To give priority to the group meeting. I will contact our group leader or host if I will be absent for the group meeting.
- To help create a safe place where people can be heard, feel loved and accepted. We will respect and listen to one another's ideas and opinions without resorting to quick answers, snap judgements or simple fixes.
- To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.
- To do my part to help our group find and secure adequate childcare workers, if needed, and to turn in all information for childcare reimbursements with integrity (if applicable).
- To do my part to make sure the Host Home is left clean and put back in the same condition it was in when the group arrived.
- To do my part to make sure that my children show respect to the Host Home and its furnishings (if applicable).
- To do my part in serving and reaching out as a group to our local circle.
- To be open to others joining the group if the environment permits.

We will meet on (day of week) \_\_\_\_\_.

We will meet at (place) \_\_\_\_\_.

We will begin at (time) \_\_\_\_\_ and end at \_\_\_\_\_.

*To the best of my ability I will commit to these values and uphold the  
priority of our Small Group time!*

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leader