



## SMALL GROUP COVENANT

This covenant communicates how every small group member commits to living and defines the spirit of our community.

### **Love One Another – Care Intentionally**

John 13:34, 1 Peter 4:8; Ephesians 4:15

Be earnest in my love at all times.

Always speak the truth in love.

Listen to understand; don't assume or accuse.

Pray for one another with compassion.

### **Forgive One Another – Pursue Unity**

Ephesians 4:31-32; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Matthew 18:15-20

Be quick to forgive and ask forgiveness.

Let personal offenses roll off my back or to God in prayer.

Model unity by resolving conflict quickly.

Get the whole story, including both sides in personal conflict.

### **Serve One Another – Minister Actively**

Galatians 5:13, Exodus 17:11-12; Proverbs 19:20; 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Be intentional in blessing others.

Stay teachable and show deference.

Be flexible to meet situational needs.

Maximize my strengths and recognize my constraints.

Be committed to the whole, not just the part.

### **Submit To One Another – Esteem Others Highly**

Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5; Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 7:3-5

Be the first to lead in humility and honor.

Serve others' interests before my own.

Check my motives and expectations before speaking.

Know my limits and respect the boundaries of others.

### **Encourage One Another – Cultivate Redemptive Relationships**

1 Thessalonians 5:11; Romans 1:12; Ephesians 4:29

Be a safe person to get real with.

Seek to build up always and never tear down.

Compliment other's character when it comes to mind more than once.

Value the person more than their performance.

Point to Christ for hope and help.

**Be Devoted To One Another – Commit Wholeheartedly**

Romans 12:5-10; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 13:3

Be there in the hard times.

Seek reconciliation between others.

Guard my relationships with truth and love.

Go gently if correction is needed.

In order to protect this community, I will avoid both speaking or listening to unhealthy criticism of others and solve conflict biblically. Specifically, I will be discrete in my communication, correct slander and gossip immediately, and speak directly with those involved.

I am committed to living out the values outlined above and will pursue to model Christ-like character and buildup the church for Christ's glory.

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