

SMALL GROUP COVENANT

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BIBLE
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This Covenant communicates how every small group member commits to living in community.

Love One Another – Care Intentionally *John 13:34; 1 Pet 4:8; Eph 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 *Eph 4:1-32; 1 Cor 1:10; Matt 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 *Gal 5:13; Ex 17:11-12; Prov 19:20; 1 Cor 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 *Eph 5:21; 1 Pet 5:5; Phil 2:3-4; Matt 7:3-5*

Be the first to lead in humility and honour
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 *1Thes 5:1; Rom 1:12; Eph 4:29*

Be a safe person to get real with
Seek to build up always and never tear down
Compliment other's character when I think it twice
Value the person more than their performance
Point to Christ for hope and help

Be Devoted To One Another – Commit Wholeheartedly *Rom 12:5-10; Prov 17:17; Prov 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 build up the church for Christ's glory.

SMALL GROUP CONTRACT

This Contract communicates what every small group member commits to maintaining and defines the guidelines for our community.

- I will make my Small Group meetings a priority, and if I'm unable to attend or running late, I will call ahead.
- I will come to my Small Group meeting prepared and ready to participate.
- I will commit to my Small Group to focus on applying God's Word to my life.
- I will maintain confidentiality of the personal information that is shared within my Small Group. I understand my small group leader may communicate appropriate information to those in leadership as necessary and I trust his or her discernment in this.
- I will be accountable to my small group concerning my personal and spiritual goals.
- I will commit to a small group that is open to new members and, as it grows, we will seek to multiply to further God's work.
- I will encourage other members to cultivate a daily quiet time with God.
- I will pursue opportunities to share what God has done in our lives to those that do not know Jesus Christ.
- I will pray and support the leadership of Harvest Bible Chapel to continue to seek God's direction for our Small Group Ministry.

Print Name

Signature

Date

JOHN 17 – JESUS' PRAYER FOR US

13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."