

Sample Group Covenant

It's a good idea for every group to put their words to their shared values, expectations, and commitments. A written agreement will help you avoid unspoken agendas and disappointed expectations. You'll discuss your agreement the first time you meet, and then you'll revisit it from time to time. Feel free to modify anything that doesn't work for your group.

If the idea of having a written agreement is unfamiliar to your group, we encourage you to give it a try. A clear agreement is invaluable for resolving conflict constructively and for setting your group on a path to health.

We agree to the following values:

Clear Purpose	To grow healthy spiritual lives by building a healthy small group community. In addition we, <hr/> <hr/> -
Group Attendance	To give priority to the group meeting. (Call if I will be late or absent.)
Safe Environment	To help create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved. (No quick answers, snap judgments or simple fixes.)
Confidentiality	To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.
Spiritual Health	To give group members permission to help me live a healthy spiritual life that is pleasing to God.
Inviting People	To share Jesus' dream of finding a shepherd for every sheep by inviting newcomers.
Shared Ownership	To remember that every member is a minister and to encourage each attendee to share a small group role.
Spiritual Partners	To pair up with one other group member whom I can support more diligently and help to grow spiritually.

We agree to the following exceptions:

- Refreshments/Mealtimes
- Childcare
- When we will meet (day/times per month)
- Where we will meet
- When we will begin and end
- Review date of this agreement

Name_____

Spiritual Partner (witness) _____

Date_____