

# Small Group Covenant

## Group Purpose

The purpose of our small group is to *make disciples of Jesus and multiply his Kingdom* (Matthew 28:18-20). This means as a group we will be:

### *Making Disciples*

A “disciple” is someone who *hears from God and does what he says*. Becoming a disciple of Jesus is a lifelong journey, not a destination. Those who are already disciples of Jesus will seek to follow him even more. Those not yet disciples of Jesus will earnestly explore what that means for them. (Mat 28:18-19)

### *Seeking Repentance*

We will be understanding and gentle as God reveals the sin in our lives, never publicly shaming, yet speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15). We will especially not tolerate the sins of hurtfulness, toxicity, gossip, and division within the group (1 Cor 1:10), and we will lovingly seek Godly resolution as quickly as possible.

### *Always Inviting*

We hope and expect by God’s grace that our group will increase in number so that more may come to know Jesus. As we build a community of love and acceptance, we will not try to “hide it under a bowl” (Mat 5:15). As the Holy Spirit leads, we will eagerly invite new members who are willing to participate in our exploration of Jesus.

### *Multiplying*

Even as we grow, we will keep our group sizes small by *multiplying* into two groups when we reach our membership size limit. We hope and expect that one of us will be called to lead the newly planted small group.

## Values

### *Commitment*

We will give high priority to our group meeting times and aim to plan our busy lives around them.

### *Confidentiality*

What is shared both inside and outside of meetings will be kept confidential. We will not gossip or share stories that are not ours to tell.

### *Participation*

We invite and expect the regular participation and honesty of everyone during meetings as we connect, check-in, discuss, and pray.

### *Accountability*

In love, we will point one another to God’s voice in our lives and expect that others will do the same.

### *Respect*

We will communicate in ways that respects the value of each individual. We will speak truth in love.

### *Prayer*

We will carry one another and our burdens together in prayer, both inside and outside of meetings.

### *Blessed Departure*

If for whatever reason we cannot uphold this covenant, or God calls us away from this group, we will leave in good faith, and be honest with the small group leader about the circumstances.