

COMMUNITY GROUP COVENANT

This is an example of the kind of covenant your community group might write to provide a solid foundation for your time together. The group should have the opportunity to edit and adjust the covenant as appropriate in the first meeting of your group. While the items outlined here are standard practices for healthy groups, the group should take time to engage with it. Language is important, and the group participants should have the opportunity to speak into the covenant process, ask questions, and make revisions prior to its adoption by the group.

OUR PURPOSE

To provide a predictable environment where participants experience authentic Christian community and grow in their love of God and others.

OUR GROUP EXPECTATIONS

Showing Up

We will make an effort through our presence in each group meeting. We will call or email if we cannot attend or if we'll arrive late.

Comfortable Environment

Participants will be heard and feel loved. They will know this because we listen to each other's answers and perspectives with respect. We value everyone's voice and will allow space for everyone to be heard. Our replies will be gentle and gracious, understanding that we are at different points along our spiritual journey. Our "imperfections" indicate that we are each under construction, moving on toward a complete and whole life together. Our goal is love as God loves.

Confidentiality

When participants share private and intimate aspects of their personal life, we will not share this outside the group. We will avoid all gossip.

Healthy Growth

Participants will serve others with their God-given gifts, and they will help others in the group to discover their own strengths and gifts.

Everyone in Ministry

Every participant will take on a role or responsibility over time in the group.

Care for One Another

We will watch over one another in love. We will pray for one another and encourage one another in Christian life.