**Group Agreement** for your small group

**Purpose**
To create an environment where everyone can pursue to **grow, connect**, and **serve**. It should not be used in a rigid manner, but in a grace-filled way.

**Group Guidelines**

1. **Dates**: We’ll meet on ____________________________________________________________.
2. **Time**: We’ll meet from ___________ to ___________ and begin our small group time at ____________.
3. **Children**: Childcare is the responsibility of the parent, unless otherwise stated by the group. The group may also decide to come together with a corporate solution.
4. **Attendance and participation**: We commit to show up, join in, and be real with each other.

   If we cannot come to the meeting, we will contact ________________________________.

**Group Values**

**Building Relationships**: To get to know the other members of the group in the meeting and outside of the meeting, and pray for them regularly.

**Authenticity**: The atmosphere should encourage openness and transparency among members. This is an environment where people should feel free to be themselves.

**Confidentiality**: What is said in the group, stays in the group. *(The only exception is unless a person expresses action to hurting themselves or another person. If that is the case, the local crisis center or authorities will be contacted.)*

**Respect**: Group members should never say anything that will embarrass their spouses or other members of the group.

**Conflict Resolution**: To avoid gossip and to immediately resolve any concerns by following the principles of Matthew 18:15-17 (see the Peacemaker Ministries Guide) which begins with going directly to the person with whom you have an issue.

**Limiting Freedom**: To limit our freedom by not serving or consuming alcohol or using tobacco during FAC group meetings or events so as to avoid causing a weaker brother or sister to stumble. *(see 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 & Romans 14:19-21)*

**Multiplication**: At the end of each Spring or Fall Groups semester (May & Nov.), to evaluate whether an individual within the group can start a new group with a few individuals.