

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.