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# small group covenant

We were created to: (5 Purposes)

1. Glorify God in every area of life – Worship
2. Relate to everyone – Belong
3. Aspire to act like Jesus – Grow
4. Care for others – Serve
5. Express God's love by sharing the "Good News" of God's grace – Share

We willingly agree to abide by this agreement. We understand the importance of mutual commitment and loyalty and agree to the following values, expectations and behaviors.

1. Consistency – I will commit to attend appointed small group meetings, be on time, be involved and end on time. (We will meet from \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_)
  2. Confidentiality – I will protect the reputation of all group members. Nothing said in the group should be discussed outside the group without the permission of those involved – unless it is determined that a person is in danger of harming oneself or others. In this case, the appropriate Grace staff will be notified to help.
  3. Respect – I will not analyze, advise, or try to "fix" others, or their problems, without their request and permission. I will support, encourage, and admonish other group members toward Christ-likeness – always in love. I will not serve or consume alcohol or marijuana in any form during small group meetings or events.
  4. Limitation – I will be considerate of the needs of all group members. I will be sensitive not to dominate the group discussion times and will limit my personal sharing. I will listen attentively when another group member has the floor.
  5. Participation – I will participate in group discussions and work towards being transparent with other group members.
  6. Building relationships – I will get to know the other members of the group and pray for them regularly.
  7. Conflicts – (Whenever relationships are involved, there will be conflict). I will handle conflicts responsibly and appropriately according to the guidelines set forth in **Matthew 18:15-17**.
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*"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."* **Matthew 18:15-17**

8. Outreach – I will participate in activities (planned by group consensus) to help the community as part of the Great Commandment: *"....Love your neighbor as yourself."*  
**Matthew 22:39 (NIV)**

Agreed upon on this day, \_\_\_\_\_, by our Small Group Members:

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