

SMALL GROUP COVENANT

This Covenant communicates what every small group member commits to maintain and is a living out as an extension of our church covenant at Living Hope Bible Church. The following covenant communicates how every small group member commits to live as an extension of our local church, under the oversight of Jesus Christ, and his undershepherds, the pastors and elders.

- I will make my Small Group meetings a priority, and if I'm unable to attend or running late, I will call ahead.
- I will come to my Small Group meeting prepared and ready to participate.
- I will commit to my Small Group to focus on application of God's Word to my life.
- I will maintain confidentiality of the personal information that is shared within my Small Group. I understand my small group leader may communicate appropriate information to those in leadership as necessary and I trust his or her discernment in this.
- I will be accountable to my small group concerning my personal and spiritual goals.
- I will commit to a small group that is open to new members, and, as it grows, we will seek to multiply to further God's work.
- I will encourage other members to cultivate a daily quiet time with God.
- I will pursue opportunities to share what God has done in our lives to those that do not know Jesus Christ.
- I will pray and support the leadership of Living Hope Bible Church to continue to seek God's direction for our Small Group Ministry.
- I will strive to live out the spirit of the "one another" commands in the Bible as a means of glorifying Christ and edifying His Body in our local church in the following ways:

Love One Another - Care Intentionally

John 13:34, 1 Peter 4:8; Eph 4:15

Be earnest in my love at all times

Always speak the truth in love

Listen to understand, don't assume or accuse

Pray for one another with compassion

Forgive One Another - Pursue Unity

Eph 4:1-32; 1 Cor 1:10; Matt 18:15-20

Be quick to forgive and ask forgiveness

Let personal offenses roll off my back or to God in prayer

Model unity by resolving conflict quickly
Get the whole story, including both sides in personal conflict

Serve One Another - Minister Actively

Gal. 5:13, Ex 17:11-12; Prov 19:20; 1 Cor 12:21-26
Be intentional in blessing others
Stay Teachable and show deference
Be Flexible to meet situational needs
Maximize my strengths and recognize my constraints
Be committed to the whole, not just the part

Submit To One Another - Esteem Others Highly

Eph 5:21; 1 Pt 5:5; Phil 2:3-4; Matt 7:3-5
Be the first to lead in humility and honor
Serve others' interests before my own
Check my motives and expectations before speaking
Know my limits and respect the boundaries of others

Encourage One Another - Cultivate Redemptive Relationships

1 Thess 5:1; Rom 1:12; Eph 4:29
Be a safe person to get real with
Seek to build up always and never tear down
Complement other's character when I think it twice
Value the person more than their performance
Point to Christ for hope and help

Be Devoted To One Another - Commit Wholeheartedly

Rom 12:5-10; Prov 17:17; Prov 13:3
Be there in the hard times
Seek reconciliation between others
Guard my relationships with truth and love
Go gently if correction is needed

(signed)

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