

# SMALL GROUP COVENANT

## ALEXANDRIA COVENANT CHURCH

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Leaders \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.# \_\_\_\_\_

Hosts \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.# \_\_\_\_\_

Small groups thrive on participation! The purpose of this covenant is to help you to discuss and clarify your group's goals, expectations, and commitments.

### SMALL GROUPS: THEIR PURPOSE

Small Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24, 25). We'll do this by focusing on four primary activities:

#### SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions". But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

#### STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

#### SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another, and meeting real needs.

#### SEND

Spiritual Growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community (Ephesians 4:11-16). This means applying God's Word each week.

### FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP

For our group to be healthy, we need to...

1. Make becoming like Jesus our number one priority (Ephesians 5:1-2).
2. Accept one another (Romans 15:7).
3. Take care of one another (John 13:34).
4. Treat each other with respect (Ephesians 4:25-5:2).
5. Keep our commitments to the group (Proverbs 20:10).

### GUIDELINES & COVENANT

1. **Dates** - We'll meet on \_\_\_\_\_ nights for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. Our final meeting will be on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Time** - We'll arrive between \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ and begin the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_. We'll spend approximately \_\_\_\_\_ minutes socializing, \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in study/discussion, and \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in prayer/sharing.
3. **Children** - Group members are responsible to arrange child care for their children.
4. **Study** - Our studies will focus on the same topic covered in the previous Sunday's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.
5. **Prayer** - Commit to praying for one another.

6. **Homework & Attendance** - Joining a Small Group requires a commitment to attend each week. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts, and other special events—but not much more! If we cannot come to a meeting, we will call \_\_\_\_\_.

7. **Desserts/Snacks**

Details:

8. **Other**

Details:

We agree together in Christ to honor this covenant.

**Names of Group Members:**

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