



Group Covenant

Every LifeGroup @ Bethany must have a *LifeGroup Covenant* among the members of the group. Ground rules for each group will vary some, but there is a distinct current we hope will run throughout all of the groups at Bethany. It's also important to review the covenant once every 6-8 weeks with all the group to make sure you are following through with your plan of action.

IMPORTANT: Before filling this out, please read "LifeGroup DNA" together as a group!

◆ We will agree on the following fundamental disciplines (the LifeGroups ABC's) for our group:

ACCOUNTABILITY:

___ **Accountability:** We agree to give permission to the other group members to hold us accountable for goals we set for ourselves.

___ **Confidentiality:** We agree to keep here whatever is shared here.

___ **Respect:** We agree to never say anything that will embarrass a spouse or other group member.

BELONGING:

___ **Attendance:** We will make meetings a top priority and will do everything in our power to be there.

___ **Ownership:** We agree to share responsibility for the group and our goals.

___ **Consensus Group:** We agree that once the group is in motion, we will be a closed group unless all members agree to invite additional members.

CARE:

___ **Accessibility:** We agree that this is more than just a weekly meeting; we're committing to "living life together." We give each other permission to call us when they are in need, and we'll share phone numbers, email, etc.

___ **The Extra Mile:** We agree to do whatever we can, within reason, to care for and "pastor" one another as occasions arise.

DISCIPLESHIP:

___ **In-Depth Study:** We agree that studying Scripture, a topic, a book, etc. is an important part of our individual growth, and commit to making it an integral part of our regular gatherings.

___ **Multiplication:** We recognize that one of our goals is to start a new group in 18-24 months, allowing others to experience the authentic Christian community in a LifeGroup context.

Our Group Guidelines

- ◆ *The reason our group exists is to help us grow together as disciples. We will do this by...*

- ◆ Our specific group goals include....

- ◆ We will meet _____ times a month, and this covenant will be in effect for _____ weeks/months. At the end of the covenant period, we will evaluate our progress and growth, and make plans to multiply into 2 new groups.

- ◆ We will meet on _____ (day of week), from _____ (times)

- ◆ Our LifeGroup will meet at the following places:

Optional Ground Rules for Groups to Consider:

- Worship - will we implement it into our time together? Who will lead it?
- Childcare - do we need it? How will we manage it?
- Service Projects - optional and up to the group
- Missions Emphasis - BCC Missions will provide you with a missionary or mission project that you can pray for, send cards, etc.
- Food/Snacks - how will our group organize & structure this?
- Fun & Recreation - “The LifeGroup that PLAYS together stays together.” OK, we made that up. Every 6-8 meetings, we advise LifeGroups to do something fun, go on an outing, etc.

We covenant together with the other members of this group to honor this agreement.

Signed:

Date: