



## SMALL GROUP COMMITMENT

This commitment communicates what every small group member commits to maintaining, and defines the guidelines for our community.

- I will make my small group meetings a priority. This means that I will attend at least **75%** of the meetings. If I'm unable to attend or am 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 the 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 with those who do not know Jesus Christ
- I will pray and support the leadership of Harvest Bible Church to continue to seek God's direction for our Small Group Ministry
- I will commit to living out spiritual community as laid out in the social covenant included in my welcome packet.

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Signature

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Date



## SOCIAL COVENANT

This covenant communicates how every small group member commits to living, and defines the spirit of our community.

### **Love One Another-Care Intentionally** (*John 13:34; 1 Peter 4:8; Eph 4:15*)

Be earnest in love 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; Mt 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 reachable 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 Peter 5:5; Phil 2:3-4; Mt 7:3-5*)

Be the first to lead in humility and honour; serve others' interest 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 and not tear down; compliment another person's character when it comes to mind; value the person more than their performance; always 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 difficult times; seek reconciliation between others; guard relationships with truth and love; be willing to correct gently when needed, and be open to correction when needed.

To protect this community, I will avoid both speaking or listening to unhealthy criticism of others and will solve conflict biblically. Specifically, I will be discreet in my communication, correct slander and gossip immediately, and speak directly with those involved.

I am committed to living out the values outlined above and will seek to model Christ-like character and build up the church for Christ's glory.