



## GROWTH GROUP COVENANT

Leader(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Host(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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.

### GROWTH GROUPS: THEIR PURPOSE

Growth 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 three primary activities each week:

- 1) **SHARING** (each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives);
- 2) **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 in order to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life); and
- 3) **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*).

### FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP

For our group to be healthy, we need to

- 1) Make **spiritual growth** our number one priority (Romans 8:29);
- 2) **Accept** one another (Romans 15:7);
- 3) **Take care** of one another (John 13:34);
- 4) Treat each other with **honesty and respect** (Ephesians 4:25—5:2), including especially maintaining appropriate **confidentiality**; and
- 5) Keep our **commitments** to the group (Psalm 15:1-2, 4b).

### GUIDELINES & COVENANT

1. **Dates:** We'll meet on \_\_\_\_\_ nights for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. Our final meeting of this session will be the week of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Time:** We'll arrive between \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ and begin the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_. We'll spend approximately \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in study/discussion, and \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in prayer/sharing.

3. **Children:** Nursing newborns are welcome provided they are not a distraction to the group! For other children the group has decided to make the following arrangements (if necessary):

4. **Study:** Our studies will focus on the same topic covered in the previous Sunday's sermon. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

5. **Prayer:** We will pray for one another, both at meetings and during the week.

6. **Homework & Attendance:** Joining a Growth Group requires an \_\_\_\_\_ week commitment to *attend each week and to do the homework ahead of time*. 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 -

8. Social & Service Project(s) -

9. Other -

We agree together in Christ to honor this covenant.  
(To be decided by each person on or before the third week.)

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