

GROWTH GROUP COVENANT

Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church

Leaders Ph.# _____

Hosts Ph.# _____

Growth 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. 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.

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. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

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 Growth 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 respect (*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*).
- 5) Keep our commitments to the group (*Psalms 15:1-2, 4b*).

GUIDELINES & COVENANT

1.) **Dates:** We'll meet on _____ nights for _____ weeks. Our final meeting of the semester will be the week of _____.

2.) **Time:** We'll arrive between and begin the meeting at _____. We'll spend approximately _____ minutes in singing (optional), _____ minutes in study/discussion, and _____ minutes in prayer/sharing.

3. Children: Group members are responsible to arrange child care for their children. Nursing newborns are welcome provided they are not a distraction to the group.

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: Praying for one another.

6. Joining a Small Group: Our Growth Group requires a ___ week commitment to *attend*. Obviously we make allowances 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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