



**Small Group
Commitment Form**

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SHARING

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

STUDYING

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.

SUPPORTING

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.*

SERVING

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). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve, and make a difference in God's Kingdom.

FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP

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

- 1) Focus on Spiritual Growth as a top priority (Romans 8:29).
- 2) Accept one another in love just as Christ has accepted us (Romans 15:7).
- 3) Take care of one another in love without crossing over the line into parenting or taking inappropriate responsibility for solving the problems of others (John 13:34).
- 4) Treat each other with respect in both speech and action (Ephesians 4:25-5:2).
- 5) Keep our commitments to the group – including attending regularly, doing the homework, and keeping confidences when requested (Psalm 15:1-2, 4b).



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GUIDELINES & COMMITMENT

1. Dates We'll meet on _____ nights for _____ weeks.
Our final meeting of this quarter will be on _____.

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 Our group will be praying each week for one another and other specific requests.

6. Homework & Attendance

Joining a Small Group requires a commitment to *attend each week and do the homework ahead of time*. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts, and other special events — but not much more! Commitment is the KEY to a healthy group!

Most weeks the homework will require from twenty to thirty minutes to adequately prepare for the group study and discussion. The quality of our group discussion is directly related to our commitment to fill out the discussion guide before the group meets.

If we cannot come to a meeting, we will call _____.

7. Desserts - _____

8. Group Social & Service Project -

9. Other – _____

We agree together in Christ to honor this commitment.

(To be decided by each person on or before the third week. Keep this form for your records of your commitment.)

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