



CORE GROUP GUIDELINES

It's a good idea for every group to put words to their shared values, expectations, and commitments. We recommend you discuss your guidelines during the first meeting in order to lay the foundation for a healthy group experience. Feel free to modify anything that does not work for your group.

Facilitator Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Date:** _____

We agree to the following values:

Clear Purpose - To grow healthy spiritual lives by building a healthy small group community.

Group Attendance - To give priority to the group meeting (call if I am absent or late).

Safe Environment - To create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved (no quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes).

Be Confidential - To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.

Conflict Resolution - To avoid gossip and to immediately resolve any concerns by following the principles of Matthew 18:15-17.

Spiritual Health - To give group members permission to speak into my life and help me live a healthy, balanced spiritual life that is pleasing to God.

Limit Our Freedom - To limit our freedom by not serving or consuming alcohol during small group meetings or events so as to avoid causing a weaker brother or sister to stumble (1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Romans 14:19-21).

Welcome Newcomers - To invite friends who might benefit from this study and warmly welcome newcomers.

Building Relationships - To get to know the other members of the group and pray for them regularly.

Other - _____

We have also discussed and agree on the following items:

Child Care _____

Starting Time _____ **Ending Time:** _____

Meeting Frequency _____ **Maximum Group Size:** _____

Rotate responsibility for _____