

# GROUP AGREEMENT

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Our Group's Purpose:

To transform our spiritual lives by cultivating our spiritual health in a healthy small group community.

We do this through:

*Group Attendance*

To give priority to the group meeting. We will call or email if we will be late or absent. (Completing the Group Calendar will minimize this issue.)

*Safe Environment*

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

*Respect Differences*

To be gentle and gracious to people with different spiritual maturity, personal opinions, temperaments or imperfections. We are all works in progress.

*Confidentiality*

To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group, and to avoid sharing improper information about those outside the group.

*Encouragement for Growth*

To be not just takers but givers of life. We want to spiritually multiply our life by serving others with our God-given gifts.

*Welcoming Newcomers*

To keep an open chair and share Jesus' dream of finding a shepherd for every sheep.

*Shared Ownership*

To remember that every member is a minister and to ensure that each attender will share a small team role or responsibility over time.

*Rotating Hosts/Leaders and Homes*

To encourage different people to host the group in their homes and to rotate the responsibility of facilitating each meeting. (See the Group Calendar.)

- Refreshments/meal times \_\_\_\_\_
- Child care \_\_\_\_\_
- When we will meet (day of week) \_\_\_\_\_
- Where we will meet (place) \_\_\_\_\_
- We will begin at (time) \_\_\_\_\_ and end at \_\_\_\_\_
- We will do our best to have some or all of us attend a worship service together. Our primary worship service time will be \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of this agreement \_\_\_\_\_