



SMALL GROUP AGREEMENT

Leader(s):

The purpose of our group is to fulfill our mission here at Grace, which is
“To honor God by reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ teaching them to become fully devoted followers of Him.”

We will do that through:

- **Gaining Biblical knowledge** (Romans 12:1-2) in order to know God better and love Him more, and so that we may glorify God by **applying** that knowledge to our daily lives.
- **Growing in our relationship with Christ** individually and as a group.
- **Developing friendships**, sharing our thoughts and emotions, supporting and encouraging one another through trials, heartaches, and celebrations together, as well as serving one another and others in the community.

1. We agree to the following primary values for our group:

- **Be Kind & Courteous:** We're all in this together. Let's create a welcoming, loving, Godly environment.
- **Commitment & Priority:** During the course of this study, we will give the group meetings priority, and if we are late or unable to attend, we will notify the leader. We also agree to being prepared for each meeting by completing as much of our homework as possible, or preparing for discussion, prior to our study time.
- **Participation & Respect:** Never will we make a person feel they are wrong in what they are thinking or feeling, unless it does not align with God's Word. We agree to support each other by listening and encouraging one another.
- **Authenticity & Honesty:** We will strive to be open and real with one another, respecting opinions and inviting people to share their lives and ideas. We agree to make this a safe place, free of judgment, so that we can be honest and authentic with one another.
- **Confidentiality:** Anything of a personal nature that is shared is never repeated outside this group unless permission has been given. We commit to creating a “safe place” where we can share and experience life together. **Ephesians 4:29 / Colossians 3:17**
- **Accountability:** We commit to holding each other accountable only after we have been given permission to do so by someone who has shared an area in their life where they are seeking God's wisdom and godly advice from other group members, and we will support one another in our own individual growth.
- **Prayer & Support:** We commit to lifting each other up in prayer during the week. Prayer requests should be concise. God already knows the details. We agree to support each other by listening to understand, and praying, rather than offering advice. We will not counsel each other with human wisdom, but rather point each other to the Word of God. We will exercise communicating Truth with grace, or simply offering grace depending on the individual's needs in that particular moment for that particular situation.
- **Political Conversations/Messages/Posts:** Please do not engage in anything politically related. There is a lot going on in our nation and the world right now, and we understand and respect the fact that we all have our own opinions. We respectfully ask that you refrain from sharing them in this group.

The ultimate goal is to glorify God in our words and in our actions.

2. We will meet at our pre-established day and time and strive to begin and end on time.

3. Primary Group communication will be done through our agreed upon method (i.e., GroupMe, text, email, etc.)

Please sign on the opposite page.



Group Member's Signatures: