

Disciple Group Covenant

This covenant expresses our shared convictions as a discipleship group. It should serve as a guard rail that provides a trajectory and focus. It reminds us of our commitments to Jesus and each other. It describes how we plan to live out our faith in the context of an intentionally Jesus-centered community. By participating in this group, I agree with the following statements:

1. I am a disciple of Jesus. I want to learn to follow and enjoy Jesus, become like Jesus, and help others do the same.
2. I am willing to give my group authority in my life—I understand that I will take direct, unfiltered feedback. I will do everything I can to receive input in love and be transformed by it. I will avoid defensiveness, realizing that I *often* forfeit the opportunity to grow when I defend myself. I am committing to being open to examining myself—my personality, my past, my habits, the way I treat people. By God’s grace, with the help of my group members, I long to be more like Jesus.
3. I will seek to be reliable—I understand that I am committing to attending every meeting, arriving on time, and completing the assignments ahead of time. There are no exceptions unless providentially hindered. We will present a schedule at our first official meeting, and I will manage my other commitments around the scheduled dates.
4. Multiplication—I further commit to prayerfully listening to God’s Spirit about forming a group like this myself at some point in the future.
5. (If Married) I have discussed these things with my spouse, who fully supports my involvement. They willingly relinquish the time I would need to attend meetings, do the readings, and do the homework to become a more Christlike husband and father.
6. Transparency and Confidentiality —I recognize that to grow as a follower of Jesus, I must openly share my life with this group— the good, the bad, and the ugly. I will not disclose the secrets of others. I commit to total confidentiality. I will confess my sins and ask the group to help me overcome the areas of my life that have yet to be surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus. What is said in the group stays in the group. No exceptions.
7. Prayer—I will seek to pray for every member of this group. This discipline will enhance my connection to my brothers and sisters in Christ and release God’s power in their lives.
8. Postured as a Fellow Disciple—I will not give unsolicited advice or try to solve someone else’s problems during group meetings. I will listen attentively while others share and respond when and if the person sharing requests feedback from me.

Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____