



GROWTH GROUP COVENANT NORTH COAST CHURCH

Leaders _____ Ph.# _____
Hosts _____ Ph.# _____

Small groups thrive on participation! The purpose of this covenant is to help you to discuss and clarify your group's goals, expectations, and commitments.

GROWTH GROUPS: THEIR PURPOSE

Growth Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24, 25.) We'll do this by focusing on three primary activities each week:

SHARING

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

STUDY

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.

SUPPORT

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.*

FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP

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

- 1) Make spiritual growth our number one priority (Romans 8:29).
- 2) Accept one another (Romans 15:7).
- 3) Take care of one another (John 13:34).
- 4) Treat each other with respect (Ephesians 4:25-5:2).
- 5) Keep our commitments to the group (Psalm 15:1-2, 4b).

GUIDELINES & COVENANT

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 weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.
5. **Prayer** Praying for one another.
6. **Homework & Attendance** Joining a Growth Group requires a commitment *to attend each week and to do the homework ahead of time.* Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts, and other special events, but not much more! *This commitment is the key to a healthy group.*

Most weeks require 30-60 minutes of homework to prepare for the group study and discussion.

If we cannot come to a meeting, we will _____
7. **Desserts** _____
8. **Social & Service Project** _____
9. **Other** _____

We agree together in Christ to honor this covenant.
(To be decided by each person on or before the third week.
Keep this covenant for your records of your commitment.)

Signed _____