

## Small Group Covenant

A covenant helps you discuss and clarify your group's goals, expectations and commitments. It provides a foundation for creating community, building trust, and encouraging open sharing. Such guidelines help a group stay healthy.

The covenant should be discussed, modified as needed, and agreed upon by the group at the start of the session. It is good to revisit the covenant mid-session too, or if any issues arise. (Take the covenant out, read through each point, and ask, "How are we doing on this?")

- **Confidentiality** - I will keep what is shared in the group confidential (unless permission to share it is given)
- **Time** - I will be mindful of starting and ending times, and will respect and use wisely the time we have together.
- **Prayer** - I will pray for/with the group as I feel comfortable.
- **Commitment** - I will make our group and our meeting a priority, and will do my best to come prepared.
- **Attendance** - I will make every attempt to attend regularly. If I decide to leave the group, I will tell the group in advance
- **Acceptance** - I will be accepting of others and avoid judging.
- **Listening** - I will listen to others without offering unsolicited advice.
- **Participation** - I will participate, but not dominate.
- **Balance** - I will strive for a balance between discussion of the study and life application, without getting overly sidetracked by personal issues.
- **Honesty** - I will be open and honest with the group, as I am comfortable.
- **Accountability** - I will support others in keeping commitments to God and others.
- **Other** -