



SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

It is requested that religious backgrounds and other denominations not be discussed during our class sharing.

Anonymity and confidentiality are basic requirements. What is shared in the group stays in the group.

GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER & SHARE TIME

We believe that sharing prayer requests and praises is a vital part of our time together. Bible Study and Prayer are both very important parts of our lives as believers. Because our weekly time is limited, only a set amount of time is allotted for prayer and share.

- **ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY:** ANY and ALL of what is shared during group time is NOT TO LEAVE THE GROUP UNDER ANY CONDITIONS except when the one sharing requests otherwise.
- **CONCISE AND PRECISE, PLEASE:** Please spend MORE time praying and LESS time describing the request. Work to make sure everyone has an opportunity to share and be prayed for.
- **PERSONAL REQUESTS:** If you have a personal request that you do not feel comfortable sharing with the whole class, you may express a request for an "unspoken need." We encourage you to share this request with your leader or someone you trust so you can pray together privately.
- **LIMIT SPECIFIC DETAILS:** Just give us enough information that we can pray for you.
- **RESPECT THIRD PARTIES:** Stick to YOUR involvement and what YOU NEED to do or change through prayer. INTIMATE DETAILS OF OTHERS' WRONG-DOINGS OR THEIR PERSONAL SITUATIONS MUST NOT BE SHARED.
- **DON'T FEEL COMPELLED:** If you aren't comfortable praying aloud, you don't need to - let your leader know privately that you would rather not be asked to pray aloud.

Prayer requests should be given in such a way that if the person who is being prayed for walks in they will be blessed, but not embarrassed.