

# Neighborhood Group Agreement

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## NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS: THEIR PURPOSE

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

### **SHARE**

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "get-to-know-you 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. Our goal is to learn how to live out our life with Christ and with others.

### **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.

### **GRACE**

We will respect each other and create a safe space for people to share and be heard.

### **SERVE**

Spiritual Growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community (Ephesians 4:11-16). It is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve, and make a difference in God's Kingdom

# LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

## 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 & AGREEMENT

1. **Note:** Neighborhood Groups will run on a quarterly basis, meeting weekly during those quarters. Our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter beginning in February will run for 8 weeks. We will take a two week break and begin our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter on the third week of April and will end in mid-June. We will take the summer off and begin our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in September.
2. **Date:** We'll meet on \_\_\_\_\_ (day of the week)
3. **Time:** We'll arrive between \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ and begin the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_. We'll spend approximately \_\_\_\_ minutes in fellowship, \_\_\_\_ minutes in study/discussion, and \_\_\_\_ minutes in prayer/sharing. We will end promptly at \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Host home (s):** We will meet at \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Children** (if part of your group): Group members are responsible to arrange child care for their children or agree to having:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. **Study:** Our studies will focus on the same topic covered in the previous Sunday's sermon. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in our everyday life.
7. **Prayer:** We will spend time praying for one another.
8. **Attendance:** Joining a Neighborhood Group requires a commitment to attend each week. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts, and other special events.

If we cannot come to a meeting, we will contact (Who/How):

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9. **Dinner or Desserts:** Unique to each group.
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# We commit to honor this agreement

(please sign the group copy)

Print Name

Sign Name