

GROUP COVENANT

The purpose of the group covenant is to ensure that members of the group have shared expectations and values for their small group community. Watermark Community Church's desire is that each member of the group would be of one heart and mind as they enter the group, and that each individual shares ownership and responsibility of the vision and purposes of the group. A covenant helps avoid unmet expectations and confusion among members.

We agree to the following:

- **Fellowship** To create a place where we can spur one another on and encourage one another.
- **Discussion Time** To discuss the Bible or a Bible based resource as a group for the purpose of spiritual transformation.
- **Share and Care** To know each group member and how they are doing, to partner with them through life's challenges and triumphs, and to pray consistently with them and for them.
- **Clear Purpose** To participate in authentic relationships that transforms us into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.
- **Commitment and punctuality** We agree to attend all group gatherings and to respect others by being punctual, or by notifying the group leader if we will not be able to attend or will be late.
- **Respect and Acceptance** We agree that this group will be a place where we can each be open, honest, and authentic in who we are and how we are struggling.
- **Anonymity and confidentiality are basic requirements. What's shared in the group stays in the group! The only exception is when someone threatens to injure themselves or others.** Scripture calls all of us to flee from gossip. All participants must covenant to operate under the direction of God's Word in the handling of all information shared in the group. Information shared in the group will go beyond group only in the event of the threat of physical, emotional or spiritual injury and under the guidance of a leader.
- **Multiply** To always have a heart for the unconnected by maintaining an open chair policy and developing leaders through dividing groups.
- **Other** _____

We agree to the following items:

- This group will meet from _____ (date) through _____.
- The group will meet on _____ night.
- The group sessions will begin at _____ and end at _____.
- The group time will generally consist of ____ minutes of Bible study discussion, and ____ minutes of shepherding one another (prayer/share).

Group members will attend and participate on a regular basis. Members will agree to pray with and for another and will share life with one another on a weekly basis, and not just in weekly small group meetings.



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