

Group Agreement

Our group agrees to meet together for six weeks beginning _____.

(Date)

The group will meet every _____ from _____ to _____.

(Day of Week)

(Start Time)

(End Time)

As a group, we value:

Confidentiality - Whatever is said in the group will be held in strictest confidence and will not be discussed outside of the group. Group members should also honor the confidentiality of others. When a member shares, they should only speak to their own life, sinfulness, doubts, concerns, and worries and will not share any of these things for another group member or anyone outside the group.

Openness - Our group is a place to get real with each other. Good discussions can't be built on churchy answers. We aim to hit where the rubber meets the road. Group members are encouraged to be vulnerable, open up, and share their lives and experiences with the group.

Courtesy - We will not interrupt others when they are talking, but will wait for them to finish. We will also extend courtesy by making sure people feel heard. We will avoid quick fixes to anyone's issues or advice giving.

Staying on Topic - The group meetings are built around lessons. We ask that everyone's comments remain on topic during the group discussion time. We will stay away from controversial issues, politics, and rabbit trails in general. If the discussion gets off track, the group facilitator will redirect the discussion.

Group Attendance - Our hope is that every member attends each of the 6 group meetings. If for some reason someone can't attend, the member should contact the group facilitator to let them know about their absence before the group meeting.

Group Participation - This group is not just the facilitator's group. This is our group. Our hope is that everyone gets a chance to participate. This even can extend to a variety of potential ways; take turns at leading the discussion, hosting in their home, leading the prayer time, bringing refreshments, or some other aspect of group leadership.