

Small Group Covenant

SOV Small Group Ministry

A covenant helps a group discuss and clarify 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-year (read through each point, and ask, “How are we doing on this?”), when new members join, or if any issues arise.

- **Confidentiality** – I will keep what is shared in the group confidential (unless permission to share 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 group members in keeping commitments to God and others.
- **Other** -

I will bring treats for the group on _____.

We will have a social gathering on _____.