

# **LIFE GROUP COVENANT**

## **New Covenant Bible Church**

Life Group Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Covenant: \_\_\_\_\_

Small groups thrive on participation! The purpose of this covenant is to help you to discuss and clarify your group's goals, expectations, and commitments.

### **THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS**

Life Groups exist to make disciples by promoting spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and study of God's Word. (Hebrews 10:24, 25).

### **FOUR ESSENTIAL PARTS OF EVERY LIFE GROUP MEETING**

#### **Opening Up – Building community in my Life Group**

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions". But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

#### **Digging In – Growing through God's Word and God's people**

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

#### **Living Out – Taking steps to become a mature disciple of Christ**

Each week we'll talk about how to implement what we have learned in practical steps. The group will encourage each to follow through.

#### **Looking Up – Talking with God about myself and my Life Group**

We will commit to praying together as a group for the needs of those in my group.

### **Life Group Values**

**Safe Environment** - to help create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved. Please, no quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes.

**Respect Differences** - to be gentle and gracious to people with different spiritual maturity, personal opinions, temperaments, or imperfections. We are all works in progress.

**Confidentiality** - to keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group, and to avoid sharing improper information about those outside the group.

## **GUIDELINES & COVENANT**

**1. Dates** - We'll meet on \_\_\_ nights for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. Our final meeting of the fall session will be the week of \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Time** - We'll arrive between \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ and begin the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_. We'll spend approximately \_\_\_\_\_ minutes enjoying refreshments and conversation, \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in study/discussion, and \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in prayer/sharing.

**3. Children** - Group members are responsible to arrange child care for their children. Nursing newborns are welcome provided they are not a distraction to the group! If the group decides, you may wish to hire a babysitter to watch the children on another level of the house.

**4. 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 everyday life.

**5. Homework & Attendance** - Joining a Life Group requires a \_\_\_\_\_ week commitment to *attend each week and to do the homework ahead of time*. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts, and other special events—but not much more!

**6. Prayer** - Praying for one another. We agree to pray for one another weekly or as decided by the group.

**If we cannot come to a meeting, we will call\_\_\_\_\_.**

**7. Refreshments** -

**8. Social & Service Project(s)** -

**9. Other** -

***We agree together in Christ to honor this covenant.***