

Small Group Bible Study Covenant

Facilitator's names: _____

Purpose statement

The Patuxent Presbyterian Small Groups Ministry will equip, connect, encourage and lead individuals to live a Christ-centered life through our relationship with God, others and the prayerful study of God's Word.

Group Guidelines and Ground Rules

The purpose of this agreement is to help you establish guidelines and expectations to ensure a positive small group experience.

Group Guidelines

1. We will meet from _____ through _____.
 2. We will meet on _____ (morning, afternoon, evening).
 3. We will begin at _____ and end at _____.
 4. We will make regular group attendance a priority in our weekly schedule.
 5. The group will be a closed group until all members agree to additional members.
- *The group may make adjustments as necessary.

We agree to uphold the following values:

Preparation, Participation and Prayer: It is important to come prepared for each meeting. Each participant plays a role in the success of the group. Encourage one another to participate by refraining from argumentative or judgmental comments. Prayerfully support each other at a designated time during each meeting and throughout the week.

Authenticity, Sensitivity and Listening: Being honest and open with each other promotes authentic relationships. Be sensitive to the needs, concerns and feelings of group members. Recognize the importance of listening to understand each other and respecting different ideas or opinions. Accept each member where they are in their spiritual journey.

Confidentiality: Members should feel safe when sharing and trust that what is shared within the group will not be shared outside the group.

Caring for One Another: Take the initiative to help group members in time of need. Seek opportunities to care for one another outside of group meetings.

Service and Outreach: Encourage one another to use resources and spiritual gifts to serve those in need outside of the small group.

I covenant together with the other members of this group to honor this agreement.

Group Leader(s):

Group Members
