

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. - Hebrews 10:23-25

The first portion of this covenant communicates the guidelines for our community and is what every small group member commits to maintaining. The second part of this covenant communicates how every small group member commits to live and defines the spirit of our small group community.

- I will make my small group meetings a weekly priority, and if I'm unable to attend or running late, I will call ahead, share my prayer requests and pray for my group members.
- I will come to my small group meeting prepared and ready to participate, having prayerfully completed the weekly study.
- I will maintain confidentiality of the personal information that is shared within my small group. I understand my small group leader may communicate appropriate information to those in leadership as necessary and I trust his or her discernment in this.
- I will avoid both speaking or listening to unhealthy criticism of others and solve conflict biblically. Specifically, I will be discrete in my communication, correct slander and gossip immediately, and speak directly with those involved.
- I will strive to become more and more like Jesus, by the power of the Spirit. I recognize that small group plays a vital role in my growth, therefore, I will invite my group to hold me accountable in my daily personal and spiritual growth.
- I will encourage other members to cultivate a daily quiet time with God.
- I will pray for the members of my small group regularly, both inside and outside of group meetings.
- I will commit to a small group that is open to new members, and, as it grows, we will seek to multiply to further God's work.
- I will pray and support the leadership of Harvest Bible Chapel to continue to seek God's direction for our Small Group Ministry.

Love One Another – Care Intentionally

John 13:34-35; Romans 12:9; 1 Peter 4:8; Ephesians 4:15

Be earnest in my love at all times

Always speak the truth in love

Listen to understand, don't assume or accuse

Pray for one another with compassion

Forgive One Another - Pursue Unity

Ephesians 4:30-32; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Matthew 18:15-20; Philippians 2:1-2

Be quick to forgive and ask forgiveness

Let personal offences roll off my back or to God in prayer

Model unity by resolving conflict quickly

Get the whole story, including both sides in personal conflict

Encourage One Another – Cultivate Redemptive Relationships

1 Thessalonians 5:11; Romans 1:12; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 10:23-25

Seek to build up always and never tear down

Complement other's character when I think it twice

Value the person more than their performance

Point to Christ for hope and help

Be Devoted To One Another – Commit Wholeheartedly

Romans 12:5-10; Galatians 6:2; Proverbs 17:17; 1 Peter 1:22; Hebrews 3:12-15

Be there in the hard times

Seek reconciliation between others

Be authentic, real and willing to listen

Always speak the truth in love

Serve One Another – Minister Actively

Galatians 5:13, Exodus 17:11-12; Proverbs 19:20; 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Be intentional in blessing others

Stay teachable and show deference

Be flexible to meet situational needs

Be committed to the whole, not just the part

Submit To One Another – Esteem Others Highly

Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5; Philippians 2:2-4; Matthew 7:3-5

Be the first to lead in humility and honour

Serve others' interests before my own

Check my motives and expectations before speaking

Know my limits and respect the boundaries of others

By signing this covenant, I am committing to make every effort to live out the values outlined above, in order to pursue Christ-like character and glorify God as I engage in mutual ministry within my small group.

Full Name (print clearly)

Signature

Date