

Shared Group Agreement for Life Groups

Purpose of this agreement: We believe that united expectations and intentional planning will ensure everyone in a life group has an excellent long-term experience. An understanding of the mission, purpose, values, and logistics of the group will create unity. We suggest reviewing and filling out the details of the Shared Group Agreement once every 6 to 8 months. Start by checking the group's commitment to Life Groups' mission, vision, purpose, and values.

Mission of our Group:

- **Northview Mission:**
 - We exist to make Jesus Known.
- **Vision: Why is this important?**
 - Our group will do this by loving people towards Jesus, leading them from where they are to where God wants them to be.
 - Our group believes that when we all commit to growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ in the context of this spiritual community, it is one of the most effective ways for us to develop and grow in our faith.

Purpose of Our Group:

- **Build Relationships:**
 - Our group will develop personal relationships that are authentic and rich with love for one another. Because people are made for life-giving relationships, we will create environments that nurture meaningful human connections. (Acts 2:42-46, 1 John 1:6-8, Hebrews 10:25)
- **Spiritual Growth:**
 - Our group will focus on the spiritual growth of its members that activates faith in Jesus. Because God has called us to mature fully in our faith, we will pursue the following steps to encourage spiritual formation through intentional discipleship. (Ephesians 4:12-13, Colossians 1:28, 2 Peter 3:18)
- **Reaching out:**
 - Our group will reach out to those in need, far from God and lost. Because we value this, our group should naturally be invitational. Invitational groups are almost always open and actively seeking new members to share a life-giving community. Our group will attempt to develop, train, and launch new group leaders. Our group will also strongly desire to serve together to advance God's Kingdom work locally. Because Jesus is the way to know God, our group will lead people to saving faith in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:20, Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 15)

Values of Our Group:

- **Safe Environment:**
 - Our group will create a safe place where people can be heard and loved. We will offer no quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes.
- **Confidential:**
 - Our group believes that everything heard and shared in our group is confidential. Nothing goes outside our group without the consent of the person who has shared unless the person is in danger to themselves or others or engaged in illegal activity.
- **Spiritual Health:**
 - Our group will provide grace while maintaining accountability as we pursue a healthy spiritual life that honors God.
- **Attendance:**
 - Our group will prioritize and keep attendance for our group meetings and maintain communication with our leaders when we cannot make it.

Logistics of our Group:

Leader(s) Names: _____

Group Description: _____

Meeting Day: _____ Meeting Time Start/Stop: _____ Frequency: _____

Location (same place or rotating host, list address): _____

What will our next study be?: _____ Preparation Commitment? _____

Other Logistical Considerations (meals, snacks, etc.): _____

Participation of Children: _____ Arrangements for Childcare: _____

Number of Members Currently: _____ Max Members before Duplication: _____

Open or Closed (if closed, why?): _____

Date we will revisit this agreement (no more than eight months): _____

Group Member Roles for Life Groups

Purpose of Group Member Roles: We believe every member of your life group plays a critical role in making your group successful. Discuss how to share responsibilities and what each group member can do to contribute.

<u>Group Role</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Assigned Member(s)</u>
Leader(s)	Primary Group shepherd maintains contact with the church and coach for training and attendance.	
Organization	Schedule meetings, maintain group calendar	
Prayer	Track and distribute prayer requests and groups praises for answered prayers	
Service	Plan and coordinate service projects for group (suggest 2 to 3 times a year or more)	
Social	Plans social activities for group	
Childcare	Coordinate care and involvement of children	
Other		

Life Group Guidelines and Ground Rules:

- 1) Show up. If you can't make it, please let your leader know.
- 2) This is a safe place where everyone can be authentic, open, and honest about their perspectives and experiences. But what is said in a group should remain confidential unless otherwise stated or a person is in danger to themselves, others, or engaged in illegal activity.
- 3) Be a good, active listener. Try to avoid thinking about what you are going to say when others are speaking.
- 4) Be sensitive about the amount of time you are sharing and speaking. We want to encourage dialogue and participation from everyone. Do not dominate the discussion.
- 5) No Fixing or Rescuing. When people share something personal, don't offer condolences, interrupt, or provide ways to solve or fix anything. Again, try to be an excellent, active, supportive listener.
- 6) Silence is okay; it allows others to share and gives people time to think, pause, and reflect.
- 7) Be self-aware of how you affect the group through your words, actions, and nonverbal communication.
- 8) Everyone is encouraged to speak up and participate, but no one will make you talk if you don't want to. But you will only get out of this group what you put into it.
- 9) No politics, sales, or inflammatory language. If you want a debate or a community to sell to, this is not that place. This is a positive and encouraging community where we encourage unity in Christ to avoid divisive topics.
- 10) Pray together! Share your burdens and allow others to intercede on your behalf.

Have questions? Need help, support, or encouragement? Please get in touch with your campus groups team; we will gladly assist you.

Or reach out to us:

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