

# Norris Ferry Community Church

## Community Group Agreement

### Purpose:

The purpose of your community group is to provide an **environment** where participants can develop authentic relationships with a **goal** of growing in love with Christ, Christians, Neighbors and Nations.

### Environment:

In order to provide a healthy environment your group needs to have six shared values.

### Relationships:

While prayer and discussion of curriculum are key elements of a community group, the driving force behind the group is the building of authentic, Christ-honoring relationships.

### Authenticity:

The atmosphere of a community group should encourage openness and transparency among members. This is an environment where people should feel free to be themselves.

### Confidentiality:

For authentic relationships to grow, members must be able to trust that issues discussed within a community group will not be shared outside the group.

### Respect:

Group members should never say anything that will embarrass their spouse or members of the group nor should any one person dominate or monopolize the group (Some demanding issues may need to be referred to a pastor or elder for more care). Members should have faithful attendance and arrive on time and well prepared.

### Availability:

A primary responsibility of community is to prioritize for specific relationships. This requires willingness to be available to meet each other's needs and spend time together outside of the weekly community gathering.

### Multiplication:

Every Group Leader will mentor a "Leader in Training." The LIT will learn primarily through hands-on experience in your group. The goal is to have trained leaders who can be called on to lead as needed for newly forming group. Members of the group should respect the leadership of both their Leaders and the "Leaders in Training" and should foster an attitude which will encourage the continual development of new leaders.

## Goal:

The goal of the relationships developed in community should be to encourage participants to grow in love with Christ, Christians, Neighbors and Nations as summarized below: (See covenant for more complete description)

Love Christ – Learn and Live the Word

Love Christians – Sharing and Caring for Believers

Love Neighbors – Invest and Influence Unbelievers

Love Nations – Cooperate and Contribute for Missions

## Group Guidelines

1. The group will meet from \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ through \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
2. The group will meet on this day of the week \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The group will begin at \_\_\_\_\_AM/PM and end at \_\_\_\_\_AM/PM.
4. The group will be closed until all members agree to additional members.

I promise to the other members of this group to honor this agreement.

Group Leader(s):

Group Members

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