



CHRISTIAN CENTER OF SALEM GROWTH GROUPS

GROWTH GROUP COVENANT

Leader(s): _____ Phone #: _____
Host(s): _____ Phone #: _____

GROWTH GROUPS: THEIR PURPOSE

Growth Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and study of God's Word (Romans 8:29; Hebrews 10:24-25). We will do this by focusing on four primary activities:

Share – 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.

Study – Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous Sunday's message. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

Support – Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another, and meeting real needs.

Serve – Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter it is our hope that you can find and or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference.

FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROWTH GROUP

For our group to be healthy, we need to...

1. **Make spiritual growth our number one priority (Romans 8:29)**
2. **Accept each other (Romans 15:7)**
3. **Take care of one another (John 13:34)**
4. **Treat each other with respect (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)**
5. **Keep our commitments to the group (Psalm 15:1-2, 4)**

GUIDELINES AND COVENANT

1. **Date** – We will meet on _____ (day of the week) for _____ weeks. Our final meeting of this quarter will be on _____.

2. **Time** – We will arrive between _____ and _____ and begin the meeting at _____. We'll spend approximately _____ minutes in casual conversation and enjoying refreshments, _____ minutes in study/discussion, and _____ minutes in prayer/sharing.

3. **Children** – Group members are responsible to arrange child care for their own children. Nursing newborns are welcome provided they are not a distraction to the group.

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, not answer every discussion question.

5. **Prayer** – No one in the group will be forced to pray out loud. Group prayer will follow the three guidelines given on the "Growth Group Tips on Prayer" sheet.

6. **Homework & Attendance** – Joining a Growth Group requires an _____ 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! This commitment is the key to a healthy group.

If we cannot attend a meeting, we will call _____

7. **Refreshments** – Members of the group will rotate the preparing, bringing, and cleaning up of refreshments for each meeting. Refreshments do not need to be elaborate.

8. **Social and/or Service Project** –

We agree together in Christ to honor this covenant

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