

# SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

## SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES AND AGREEMENT

It's a good idea for every group to put words to their shared values, expectations, and commitments. Such guidelines will help you avoid unspoken agendas and unmet expectations. We recommend you discuss your guidelines during the first small group meeting; in order to lay the foundation for a healthy group experience. Feel free to add anything that is important to your group.

If the idea of a written agreement is unfamiliar to your group, we encourage you to give it a try.

### WE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING VALUES

<b>Clear Purpose</b>	To grow healthy, spiritual lives by building a healthy small group community
<b>Group Attendance</b>	To give priority to the group meeting (call if I am absent or late)
<b>Safe Environment</b>	To create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved (no quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes)
<b>Be Confidential</b>	To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.
<b>Conflict Resolution</b>	To avoid gossip and to immediately resolve any concerns by following the principles of Matthew 18:15-17 which begins with going directly to the person with whom you have an issue.
<b>Spiritual Health</b>	To give group members permission to help me live a healthy, balanced spiritual life that is pleasing to God.
<b>Limit our Freedom</b>	To limit our freedom by not serving or consuming alcohol during Saddleback small group meetings or events so as to avoid causing a weaker brother or sister to stumble. 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Romans 14:19-21
<b>Welcome Newcomers</b>	To invite our friends who might benefit from this study and warmly welcome newcomers
<b>Building Relationships</b>	To get to know the other members of the group and pray for them regularly.
<b>Other</b>	_____

### WE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- Refreshments/Mealtimes \_\_\_\_\_
- Childcare \_\_\_\_\_
- When we will meet (day of week) \_\_\_\_\_
- Where we will meet (place) \_\_\_\_\_
- We will begin at (time) \_\_\_\_\_ and end at \_\_\_\_\_
- We will do our best (some or all) to attend the following service together:
  - Sat 4:30 pm     Sat 6:30 pm
  - Sun 9:00 am     Sun 11:15 am     Sun 4:30 pm     Sun 6:30 pm
- Review date of this agreement \_\_\_\_\_