

GROUP TIME



Biblical Group Commitment

LOVE ONE ANOTHER- Care Intentionally

John 13:34; 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 4:1-32; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Matthew 18:15-20

Be quick to forgive and ask forgiveness. Let personal offenses 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.

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. Maximize my strengths and recognize my constraints. Be committed to the whole, not just the part.

SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER- Esteem Others Highly

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

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER- Cultivate Redemptive Relationships

1 Thessalonians 5:1; Romans 1:12; Ephesians 4:29

Be a safe person to get real with. Seek to build up always and never tear down. Compliment another person's character when it comes to mind more than once. 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; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 13:3

Be there in the hard times. Seek reconciliation between others. Guard my relationships with truth and love. Go gently if correction is needed.

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Social Group Commitment

These are the practical commitments that we are choosing to follow. This will ensure that our group continues to honour one another and the Lord in every gathering.

- Make Group Time a priority and if you are unable to attend or running late call ahead.
- Come to Group Time prepared and ready to participate.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding the personal information that is shared within Group Time
- The Group Leader reserves the right to contact the Pastor/Directors/Elders if there is a situation that he/she doesn't know how to handle, a person is being harmed, or if there is ongoing unrepentant sin.
- Create a safe place for each member to share with no judgments attached.
- Be accountable to the group concerning your personal and spiritual goals.
- Our group is open to new members and as it grows we will multiply to further God's work
- Take ownership for your responsibility of being faithful, accountable and teachable in our Group
- We will pray for Group Leaders, hosts and members of my group.
- Encourage other members to cultivate daily quiet times with God.
- We will pray for the Pastors, Elders and Directors of Hope Bible Church to continue to seek God's direction for the Group Time Ministry.