



## RockPointe Small Group Ministry Covenant

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### Covenant

As you begin this small group, the goal is that your group covenant together, agreeing to live out important group values. Once the values are agreed upon, your group will be on its way to experiencing true Christian community. Plan to determine your group covenant together and reviewing it with your group annually.

- **Priority:** While we are in this group, we will endeavor and seek to prioritize community over life events that are non-emergency.
- **Participation:** Everyone is encouraged to participate in our group discussions, and no one is given permission to dominate.
- **Respect:** Everyone is given the right to his or her own opinions, and all questions are encouraged and respected.
- **Confidentiality:** Anything that is said in our meetings is expected to be held confidentially and not shared outside the meeting without permission. Simultaneously, if one of our members is struggling with thoughts of suicide, homicide, or a victim of abuse, we will do what is necessary to get each person involved the help and safety needed.
- **Care and Support:** Permission is given to call upon each other at any time, especially in times of crisis. The group will provide care for every member.
- **Accountability and Conflict:** We agree to let the members of our group hold us accountable to commitments we make in whatever loving ways we decide upon. At the same time, giving unsolicited advice is not appreciated. If conflict arises, we will follow the principles in Matthew 18 and the "Conflict field guide" to promote unity and seek reconciliation.
- **Empty Chair:** Our group will work together to fill the empty chair with an unchurched person or couple.
- **Mission:** We agree as a group to reach out and invite others to join us and to work toward multiplication of our group to form new groups.
- **Ministry:** We will encourage one another to volunteer to serve in a ministry and to support missions work by giving financially and/or personally serving.

Children: If children meet with you, the host home should come up with about 4-5 rules for the house (take off shoes, rules about where & when to eat, how to show respect to one another, playing with & cleaning up toys, etc.).

I agree to all of the above: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_