



RockPointe Church Small Group Covenant

As you begin this small group, the goal is that each person in group covenant together, agreeing to live out values important to each other. Once the values are agreed upon, and upheld, your group will be on its way to experiencing deeper Christian community. Develop your group covenant together and review 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. We will respond to leaders and hosts in a timely manner if for some reason, we are unable to attend.
- **Participation:** Everyone is encouraged to have a role in the group and participate in our group discussions, and no one is given permission to dominate or speak over or for another. We want to create time for all members of the group to participate in the discussion. Be careful not to always be the first responder or regularly give long responses.
- **Respect:** Everyone is given the right to their opinions; all questions are encouraged and responded to respectfully.
- **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 in an abusive situation, we will follow up and do what is necessary to get all 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 be intentional to provide care for every member via phone calls, prayer, presence, meals, etc. as deemed appropriate.
- **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. When conflict arises, we will follow the principles in Matt. 18 and the "Biblical Conflict Resolution guide" to promote unity and seek reconciliation.
- **Empty Chair:** Our group will seek to fill the empty chairs with an unchurched person or couple. 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.
- **Serving:** Group members will encourage one another to volunteer at RPC, and to support missions work through both giving financially and personally serving regularly. We will prioritize building relationships with our neighbors and serving the needs of our community outside of our group monthly, and at least quarterly.

Children: Host homes will clearly communicate rules of the house and go over them with parents and children (take off shoes, where & when to eat, how to show respect to one another, playing with toys, off limits areas, pool rules and safety guidelines, etc.) Parents will be sure toys are cleaned up and put away prior to leaving host home.

Teenagers: We strongly suggest the parents/teens/small group hosts & leaders agree on off-limit areas and put phones up during group time to promote community involvement and engagement with teens. We suggest the host/leader implement parental controls and do not provide wi-fi access, or you tube access.

I agree to all of the above: _____ Date _____