

Core Values and Commitments

FITP Church Small Group Ministry

The goal of this document is to state the core values and commitments that we will share as a group. These values form the basis for a healthy and successful group experience.

Core Values

1. One another care – Seek to care for one another as needs arise
 - a. Humbly help others grow
 - b. Humbly seek help from others for our growth
2. Application – To take the what we learn in the Bible and help each other apply it
3. Mission – Encourage one another to love our neighbors, our city, and our world. We will serve together as a group to train and encourage us to do this when we are not together.

Commitments

Attendance – To give high priority to group meeting attendance, striving to be on time and letting someone know if I will not be able to attend.

Spiritual Health – To seek a deeper spiritual walk with Christ by investing time, thought and prayer in the group study and to encourage others in their walk with Christ.

Prayer – To pray for others in the group and for the requests they share.

Ministry – To share responsibility for the tasks needed for a successful group. This could include organizing any part of the ministry of the group, leading a group meeting, taking a meal to someone in need, recording prayer requests, etc.

Confidentiality – To keep issues or prayer concerns confidential unless explicit permission is given to involve others as part of the solution. Pastors and elders oversee these groups and will be praying and giving spiritual care to groups and may be informed of prayer requests and other things that are discussed.

Humility – To be real with one another, recognizing that we are all dependent upon God's grace. At the same time, we recognize the need for appropriate discretion in the context of the group. (Openness)

Multiplication – To desire my group to grow and work with my leader to multiply our group as God provides people and leadership, ideally within 2-3 years.

Unity – To resolve ongoing conflict according to the pattern laid out in Matthew 18:15-17, first going to the individual causing offense to reconcile the relationship.

Transitions – To let my group leader know, whether by choice or life circumstances, if I am not able to continue to be actively involved in the group.