

Heritage Christian Church Small Group Covenant

The Purpose of Small Groups at Heritage Christian Church:

To lead people to a life-changing connection with Jesus Christ by building healthy small-group communities.

We agree to the following expectations:

This group will normally meet every _____

Actual meeting time is to begin at _____ and end at _____

We will meet at _____

Refreshments or meals will be handled in the following manner: _____

Childcare will be handled in the following manner: _____

We agree to the following values:

1. **Priority.** Because we believe in the value of community, we agree to give priority to our group meetings. If we are unable to attend or we are running late, we will call the leader and advise him.
2. **Confidentiality.** We agree that whatever is shared here stays here. This includes what is shared through phone calls, e-mails, etc. We want this group to be a safe place to grow.
3. **Participation.** We agree to encourage, support, and stand behind one another, choosing to see ourselves linked together.
4. **Accessibility.** We agree to give one another the right to call in times of need—even in the middle of the night.
5. **Openness.** We will seek to be open and honest with each other. Our small group is a place where we can take off our masks, be ourselves, and be accepted for who we are.
6. **Respect.** We agree to communicate in ways that are respectful, and to give advice only when it is requested. We will strive to be available to one another and listen, encourage, support, and tell the truth in loving ways.

Open Chair. We agree to keep an empty chair for others and seek to reach out to people like us who need this place of caring and growth. Eventually we plan to reproduce our group.

Signature(s)

Date