

Ideas for creating a SG covenant

Our Group Covenant for Year _____

A covenant is a promise made to another in the presence of God. Its purpose is to indicate your intention to make yourselves available to one another for the fulfillment of the purposes you share in common. If your group is going to continue, in a spirit of prayer, work your way through the following sentences. Try to reach an agreement on each statement pertaining to your ongoing life together. Write out your covenant like a contract, stating your purpose, goals and the ground rules for your group.

1. The purpose of our group will be:
2. Our goals will be:
3. We will meet on _____ (day of week).
4. We will meet for _____ weeks, after which we will decide if we wish to continue as a group.
5. We will meet from _____ to _____ and we will strive to start on time and end on time.
6. We will meet at _____ (place) or we will rotate from house to house.
7. We will agree to the following ground rules for our group (check):

PRIORITY: While you are in this course of study, you give the group meetings priority.

PARTICIPATION: Everyone is encouraged to participate and no one dominates.

RESPECT: Everyone has the right to his or her own opinion, and all questions are encouraged and respected.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Anything said in the meeting is never repeated outside the meeting.

LIFE CHANGE: We will regularly assess our own life change goals and encourage one another in our pursuit of Christ likeness.

EMPTY CHAIR: The group stays open to reaching new people at every meeting.

CARE & 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: We agree to let the members of the group hold us accountable to the commitments which each of us make in whatever loving ways we decide upon.

MISSION: We will do everything in our power to start a new group.

MINISTRY: The group will encourage one another to volunteer and serve in a ministry, and to support missions by giving financially and/or personally serving.