

GROUP MEMBERS COMMITMENT⁸

These represent statements of agreement to honor and foster trustworthy & positive community within your group. They help safeguard and ensure mutual respect and love for one another equally.

Feel free to review these commitments at the beginning of each semester.

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- **Confidentiality** – What's said here, stays here. I will never repeat what others say unless given permission.
- **Openness** – I will strive to reveal who I am –my hopes, hurts, joys, and struggles-as well as I am able. I will help others by risking to be known and sharing my thoughts, feelings, and experiences.
- **Sensitivity** - I will refrain from sharing my thoughts, feelings, and experiences in a way that causes discomfort or embarrassment to others in the group. I will refrain from gossiping or criticizing others. This includes sharing political opinions that would tend to be divisive. I don't want to drive off people I am trying to impact for Jesus Christ.
- **Courtesy** - I want everyone to share. I will keep others in mind, allowing time for each person to speak. I will limit my time and will not interrupt when another group member is speaking. I will limit distractions for myself or being one to others.
- **Acceptance** - I realize that we are all works in process. We are all at different places in our spiritual journey, come from different backgrounds, and the Holy Spirit works in us in different ways. I will not be judgmental or offer unsolicited advice.
- **Prayer** - I will pray for the other members of this group and rejoice in the confidence that they are praying for me.
- **Commitment** - I will make a diligent and sincere effort to participate in the discussion each week. I will make group attendance a priority.
- **Appropriateness** - I will make every attempt to remain appropriate within bounds to not offend others in the group, e.g. with my language or emotional offloading without limits or intent to address issues
- **Accountability** - In all of these commitments invite my fellow group members to hold me accountable, as I will do for them.