

FALL 2011

SMALL GROUP LIFE TOGETHER COVENANT

Meeting Schedule and Logistics:

(Write down days, times, frequency, location, food plans, assigned responsibilities etc.)

LifeTogether@Worship

We agree to acknowledge and respect God's presence with us.

- We will seek to place Jesus Christ at the center, as Lord, of our lives individually and as a group.
- We will share how God is working in our lives.
- We will pray together.
- We will connect through weekly worship with our brothers and sisters at FPC.

LifeTogether@Fellowship

We agree to relate as friends and to care for one another.

- We will celebrate the special events of life with one another. (ie. birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, new jobs, promotions, etc.)
- We will come together at times for fellowship and recreation (picnics, movies, athletic events, etc.)
- We will listen to one another with love.
- We will pray for one another.
- We will provide comfort and help meet practical needs in times of illness or crisis.
- We will contact members when they miss a gathering to check in and to inform them of any plans made by the group.

LifeTogether@Discipleship

We agree to seek to become like Jesus.

- We will read scripture; discuss it, reflect on it, and respond to it.
- We will seek and expect God to transform our lives and encourage that in one another.

LifeTogether@Apostleship

We agree to be sent by God to serve and love people beyond our group.

- We will pray about where God is calling us to announce and demonstrate the kingdom of God together by serving and loving people through at least one event or project each season.
- We will encourage one another in the routine of our daily lives to be active witnesses to Jesus Christ in word and deed.

Other things to discuss:

Is this group open to new members? If so, how will you go about inviting people? If not, have you decided to be closed for a season? How long?

What do you expect from one another in terms of participation? What if you need to miss a meeting? How will you communicate absences and plans with one another?

Who will facilitate group meetings? What other responsibilities should we assign to group members (i.e. communications, event coordinator, service project coordinator, caregiving coordinator)?

Discuss the time period for which your group is making this commitment together: September–December or September through June or August.

Discuss what are priorities for your group. Are there other things that are important for your group that are not covered in this covenant?

(Write additions to this Covenant as needed.)