GROUP LIFE
AT ARBORLAWN

Group Agreement

Purpose

To provide a predictable environment where participants pursue healthy relationships and spiritual growth.

Values and Goals

Relationships
While prayer and discussion of curriculum are key elements, the driving force behind the group is the building of relationships. Therefore, we will prioritize group time to "check in" on each other and hold each other accountable. To avoid inappropriate relationships we will also maintain proper boundaries especially while interacting with those of the opposite sex who are not our spouses.

Authenticity
The atmosphere should encourage openness and transparency among members. This is an environment where people should feel free to be themselves.

Confidentiality
For authenticity to occur, members must be able to trust that issues discussed within the group will not be shared outside the group.

Respect
Group members should never say anything that will publicly shame their spouses or other members of the group. We will address individual relationship issues outside of our group time rather than using it as a means to implicate or call out one another. If significant conflict arises within the group, we will seek to include the group leader who will, as they are capable, help foster reconciliation and a mutually acceptable resolution.

Availability
A primary responsibility of the group is to prioritize for specific relationships. This requires a willingness to be available to meet one another's needs.

Multiplication
Group members recognize that one of the goals of their group is to start a new group at the conclusion of this group. This allows others to experience the small group relationship.

Group Guidelines

1. The group will meet from _____ through _____.
2. The group will meet on _____ day of the week.
3. The group sessions will begin at _____ and end at _____.
4. The group time will typically consist of _____ of sharing, _____ of study/discussion, and _____ of prayer.
5. This group will be a closed group unless all members agree to add members.
6. Group members will attend and participate on a regular basis.
7. Members agree to pray for other group members on a weekly basis.

I commit together with the other members of this group to honor this agreement:

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