

ZPC Home Group Agreement

ZPC Mission

We believe that we are called together by God to make disciples and release them for service in our broken world.

ZPC Home Groups Objective

Our goal for ZPC Home Groups is that we may be transformed through:

- Centering our worship and study on Christ
- Creating a caring community
- Experiencing hands-on missions

Group Expectations

The purpose of this agreement is to help us discuss and clarify our expectations and to set some guidelines for healthy dialogue. I/we agree to uphold the following values with the intent to grow in our love of God, love for others, and to become God's agents of love in the world.

1. **Commitment:** We agree to uphold the purpose of ZPC Sermon-based Home Groups. We will begin and end the meeting on time. For the sake of the group, we commit to making regular attendance a priority.
2. **Participation:** The leader will not teach, but facilitate the group discussion. We realize the success of the group depends on the contribution of each person, so I will come prepared and willing to participate. We will focus on relevant passages and avoid jumping to outside topics or personal agendas. Rather than attempting to change another person's viewpoint, we will pay attention to areas of our own lives that we sense God is transforming or challenging.
3. **Confidentiality:** We will respect and hold confidential anything shared in the group. We will honor the trust of those who share by praying for and not speaking about whatever is shared. We will refrain from destructive or divisive conversation regarding the church and its leadership.
4. **Humility and Authenticity:** We will encourage everyone to share feelings, struggles, joys, and hurts without offering unsolicited advice or correction. We will respect each member of the group and deal graciously and biblically with any conflict that arises.
5. **Sensitivity and Listening:** We will be conscious and accepting of the needs, feelings, backgrounds, and current situations of other group members. We will listen to understand perspectives other than our own. We will share in the first person owning personal opinions, thoughts and experiences without generalizing about others.
6. **Respect:** We will support, respect, and accept group members' right where they are, regardless of their experience of scripture or faith. We will to seek learn and grow from Scripture, prayer, and one another. We will create an environment of trust, respecting opinions and allowing for differences. We will value each person, believing the best of one another. We will refrain from judgmental or argumentative comments.
7. **Hospitality:** We will provide an environment where people feel safe and valued. As God blesses our group with relationships with new people, we will remain open to the potential of adding or multiplying for the sake of welcoming others.

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We agree to honor this commitment (please sign and date):

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