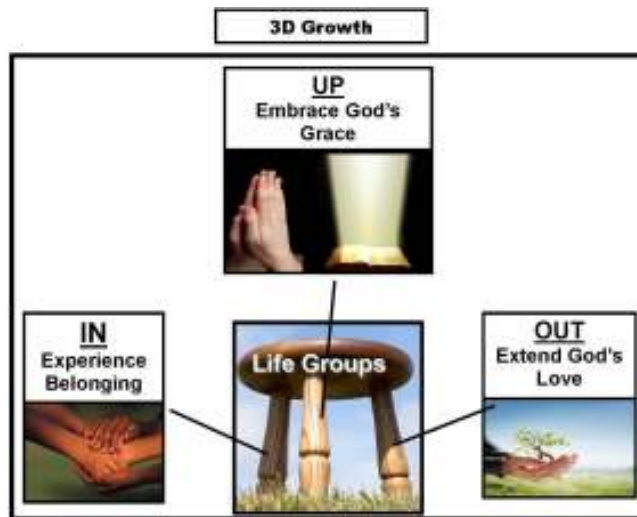




Group Covenant

Why a covenant? So much more than a cold “contract”, a covenant is a relational pledge to serve another in a particular way. In Jesus Christ, God has made a covenant with us. He’s pledged His unconditional loyalty to those who put their trust in Him. At the start of a Life Group, participants review, discuss, and interactively define the covenant commitments they’ll make to each other at the close of the intro study.



What is 3D Growth? In Life Groups, people “grow in” as they develop genuine relationships, ever more deeply **experiencing belonging**. In a Life Group, people “grow up” as they engage together in Bible study and prayer, ever more deeply **embracing God’s grace**. In a Life Group, people “grow out” as they serve and spiritually impact those within and beyond the group, ever more consistently **extending God’s love**. If a Life Group was a stool, these **3 Directions** would be the 3 indispensable legs on which it stands. Talk about what each leg means and what it might look like to grow in that direction together. Next, read through the Life Groups values and commitments. Where there are blanks, complete the covenant as a group.

Values and Commitments

Commitment - For trust to deepen, a Life Group needs participants who are regularly present and committed to sharpen and support each other.

- We covenant with each other to meet regularly (circle one: weekly or bi-weekly) at this time (once the intro study is complete): _____.
- We covenant with each other to begin regular meetings at _____ and end at _____.
- We covenant with each other to attend and participate as regularly possible
 - If we can’t attend, we’ll communicate this to a leader.
 - If we transition out of the group, we’ll communicate this clearly to the group as a whole.

Trust - A Life Group is an atmosphere where people share their joys and blessings and feel safe to admit their mistakes and shortcomings, knowing that what they share will not be repeated outside the group.

- We covenant with each other to keep what's shared in the group in complete confidence.
- We covenant with each other to not only talk, but listen attentively.
- We covenant to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).
- We covenant with each other to seek prior input and agreement from all existing participants before inviting a new participant to the group (All invites are group invites. Why? Developing trust takes time, consistency, and communication).

Centering - A Life Group is an environment that facilitates regular movement from self-sufficiency to God-centeredness in the hearts & lives of its participants.

- We covenant with each other to regularly pray together.

Worldview - A Life Group is an environment where people engage with the Bible and consistently move toward seeing all of reality from God's perspective.

- We covenant with each other to engage with the Bible together and apply it to our lives.

Equipping - A Life Group is an environment where people identify and develop the unique ways that God has designed them to extend His love.

- We covenant to help each other discover, develop, and use our God-given gifts.

Service - In Jesus Christ, God let go of His high position and took on the form of a servant so that His grace could be poured out on us (Philippians 2). In a Life Group, participants emulate God's character by extending God's love to those within and beyond the group.

- We covenant with each other to plan opportunities for our group to serve and spiritually impact others together. We'll do this approximately _____ times a year and *tentatively* target these times of the year:

Over the next 5-7 weeks, reflect on these values and commitments. At the close of this time, there'll be a natural opportunity to either move on from this Life Group, or sign the covenant, signifying a commitment to your Life Group for the remainder of the (school or calendar) year.

- "We commit to each other that we'll live out these values together" (Group signs below)

Date: _____