

GROUP TIME

Biblical Group Commitment

LOVE ONE ANOTHER- Care Intentionally

John 13:34; 1 Peter 4:8; Ephesians 4:15

Be earnest in my love at all times. Always speak the truth in love. Listen to understand; don't assume or accuse. Pray for one another with compassion.

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER- Pursue Unity

Ephesians 4:1-32; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Matthew 18:15-20

Be quick to forgive and ask forgiveness. Let personal offenses roll off my back or to God in prayer. Model unity by resolving conflict quickly. Get the whole story, including both sides in personal conflict.

SERVE ONE ANOTHER- Minister Actively

Galatians 5:13; Exodus 17:11-12; Proverbs 19:20; 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Be intentional in blessing others. Stay teachable and show deference. Be flexible to meet situational needs. Maximize my strengths and recognize my constraints. Be committed to the whole, not just the part.

SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER- Esteem Others Highly

Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5; Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 7:3-5

Be the first to lead in humility and honour. Serve others' interests before my own. Check my motives and expectations before speaking. Know my limits and respect the boundaries of others.

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER- Cultivate Redemptive Relationships

1 Thessalonians 5:1; Romans 1:12; Ephesians 4:29

Be a safe person to get real with. Seek to build up always and never tear down. Compliment another person's character when it comes to mind more than once. Value the person more than their performance. Point to Christ for hope and help.

BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER- Commit Wholeheartedly

Romans 12:5-10; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 13:3

Be there in the hard times. Seek reconciliation between others. Guard my relationships with truth and love. Go gently if correction is needed.

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Social Group Commitment

These are the practical commitments that we are choosing to follow. This will ensure that our group fosters maturing in Christ and mutual care with the goal of honouring one another and the Lord in every gathering.

- We will make Group Time a priority and if you are unable to attend or running late call ahead.
- Our Group exists under the endorsement, authority and accountability of Hope Bible Church and it's Elders. Therefore we will be contributing regular participants within the life of the Church and submit to it's leadership.
- We will come to Group Time prepared and ready to participate. Homework completed and memory verse memorized to the best of our ability and availability.
- We will address our concerns (ei. expectations, agenda, curriculum, location) in private to the group leader.
- We will intentionally build relationships with our group members beyond 'group time'. 'Go to our group first'.
- The Group Leader reserves the right to contact the Pastor/Directors/Elders if there is a situation that he/she doesn't know how to handle, a person is being harmed, or if there is ongoing unrepentant sin.
- We will maintain confidentiality regarding the personal information that is shared within Group Time. I will create a safe place for each member to share with no judgments attached by exemplifying vulnerability and authenticity.
- We will be humble and accountable to the group concerning your personal and spiritual goals.
- Our group is open to new members but I will check with my group leader before inviting someone. As our group grows I expect we will spread into new groups to multiply and further God's work.
- We will pray for Group Leaders, hosts and members of our group.
- We will pray for the Pastors, Elders and Directors of Hope Bible Church to continue to seek God's direction for the Group Time Ministry.