

CCC Small Group Guidelines & Key Elements

Suggested Format:

1. **Fellowship**: Incorporate greeting and fellowship time.
2. **Accountability**:
 - Pair up into smaller groups of 2 to 4 persons – Approximately 15 minutes.
 - Assign one person to facilitate the group accountability and rotate leadership each week.
 - The facilitator for that week will open in prayer. Each member will have an opportunity to share briefly on the state of his or her soul. (Example: provide a short testimony of the previous weeks experience / spiritual life, thanking God for progress and openly sharing any failures, sins, temptations, griefs, or inner battles, etc.).
 - Any prayer concerns.
 - Finish in prayer praying for each person.
3. **Study**: Bible study which could include (Prayer, worship, study, etc.). Approximately 45 – 60 minutes.
4. **Spiritual Disciplines**: Spend a few minutes each week discussing the spiritual discipline of the month.
5. **Closing Prayer**: Church, Ministries, Leaders, Group, Community, World, etc.

Suggested Group Guidelines:

- ✓ The group will meet on _____ night/day.
- ✓ The group sessions will begin at _____ and end at _____.
- ✓ Group members will attend and participate on a regular basis, and be in communication when they cannot.
- ✓ Members agree to pray for each other during the week.

Suggested Group Covenant

- ◆ **Priority**: While we are in this group, we will give the group meetings priority.
- ◆ **Participation**: Everyone is encouraged to participate, but not dominate.
- ◆ **Respect**: Everyone is given the right to his or her own opinions. All questions are encouraged and everyone is respected.
- ◆ **Confidentiality**: Anything that is said in the meeting will not be repeated outside the meeting without permission.
- ◆ **Care and Support**: Permission is given to call upon each other at any time, especially in times of crisis. The group will provide care for every member. Weekly contact between members during the week is encouraged.
- ◆ **Accountability**: We agree to let the members of our group hold us accountable to commitments we make in whatever loving ways we decide upon. Unsolicited advice giving is discouraged.
- ◆ **Group meetings**: The group meetings will be closed to new members, unless the group agrees to disciple new members into the group during the open group enrollment times. The group will be closed when the group size reaches 8 – 12 persons.
- ◆ **Mission**: We agree as a group to reach out and connect people to Jesus and the life He offers. We will work toward the multiplication of our group, forming new groups within 2 years.
- ◆ **Ministry**: The group agrees to faithfully participate in the ministries and outreach of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.