Small Group Guidelines

The purpose of this group is to grow in love towards God and others. As we grow, we will experience transformation in our character and we will begin to live out our calling (purpose).

We will use scripture as the basis of our discussion, but we understand that the content of our discussion is not the goal, it is a vehicle for transformation of character and calling.

We encourage the habits of scripture reading, prayer and accountability to fuel our transformation.

We agree to the following expectations:

- This group will normally meet every _______ (day) at __________ (time).
- We will end by __________ (time). Starting and ending on time is our priority
- We will meet at ___________________________________________ (address)

We agree to the following values:

1. **Priority**
   Because we believe in the value of community, we agree to give priority to our group meetings. If we are running late, or cannot attend we will let the group know.

2. **Confidentiality**
   We agree that whatever is shared here stays here. This includes what is shared through phone calls, e-mails, etc. We want this group to be a safe place to grow.

3. **Participation**
   Everyone is encouraged to participate equally without any one person dominating the discussion.

4. **Openness**
   We will seek to be open and honest with each other. Our small group is a place where we can take off our masks, be ourselves, and be accepted for who we are.

5. **Respect**
   We agree to communicate in ways that are respectful, and to give advice only when it is requested. We will strive to be available to one another and listen, encourage, support, and tell the truth in loving ways.

6. **Open Chair**
   We agree to keep an empty chair for others and seek to reach out to people like us who need this place of caring and growth.

7. **Mission**
   We plan to develop an apprentice leader, so that the group can eventually multiply creating even more space for others to get connected.

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Signature(s)                        Date