

Community Commitment Ideas

1. **Confidentiality** – We will not discuss outside the group what others shared, without first asking their permission.
2. **Respectful Language** – We will respect each other's experiences by not criticizing what they share. We will be "for" each other and recognize that each person's journey of faith is unique and their perspective is real and true for them.
3. **Listening** – We will listen to each person with patience, grace and compassion, not cutting each other off or interrupting.
4. **Sharing Space** – We will recognize if we are more apt to share or if we are more apt to listen and observe, and we will make intentional effort.
5. **Honest engagement** – We will authentically and honestly engage in conversation. We will practice humility and willingness to learn without an agenda.
6. **Conflict Resolution** – We will, at times, expect and accept a lack of closure during the group time. And, with a spirit of love and unity, we commit to repairing conflict with individuals outside the group before the next group meeting.
7. **Respect Group Rhythms** – We will see the rhythms of structure and ritual that our group leaders try as a gift and aid to help us better live out. We will provide gentle feedback and do our best to co-create and co-own our small group community, helping live into the purpose of our gathering.

8. **Attendance** – We will attend weekly meetings and give as much notice as possible if we can't make it.
9. **Timeliness** – We will all be mindful of the gift of our shared presence and time and commit to beginning and ending our gathering on time, as best we can.
10. **Prayer** – We will pray for each other and ask for prayer when we need it.
11. **Embrace Imperfection** – We embrace the messy parts inside each of us, and anyone can always “go again” according to the grace given to us through Jesus.
12. **Speak for Ourselves** – We will make “I” statements when we share, and speak only for ourselves and not on behalf of others.
13. **Disagreement with Grace** – We are all different people who have lived different lives. We won't always agree, and we don't have to agree. We can still love by listening and practicing curiosity and mutual service toward one another.
14. **Seek God** – We will each prayerfully observe the Holy Spirit's movement inside ourselves. With a spirit of humility, we will reflect on questions like, “What am I learning and experiencing in this gathering? What is God teaching me? What is God inviting me to in my own life?”.
15. **Mutuality** – We are here to both receive and give support. Some weeks, I commit to giving more support than I receive, while other weeks, I commit to receiving more than I give.