The Gospel Tool Bible Study

Discipleship Group Covenant

I am committed to the purpose of GT-Groups at my church:

GT-Groups will be a means for each person to become better equipped to play his or her part in fulfilling the Great Commission. We aim to grow as disciples who are being transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and who are cooperating with God in the restoration of the world. This happens as each of us nurtures intimacy with Jesus Christ and becomes more effective witnesses for him.

I agree to the following expectations:

ATTENDANCE and PREPARATION: *I will make my GT-Group a priority and am committed to attending the meetings consistently. I will communicate clearly and in advance when I am unable to attend (Matthew 5:37). I will do my best to prepare for group meetings by completing the lessons and faithfully reading God's Word (Hebrews 4:12).*

SAFETY/RESPECT: *I will seek to foster a safe environment for all by listening well, avoiding judgment, speaking with humility, and treating my group members with love and respect (John 13:34-35).*

CONFIDENTIALITY: *I will keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group (Ephesians 4:29), with the following caveats:*

- *Unless someone or another party is in danger (in this case communicate with the Facilitator and they will help to discern next steps).*
- *Group leaders may share themes and progress reports with church leadership for the purpose of leadership coaching and celebrating fruit and growth, but will not share the personal stories of group members.*

CONFLICT RESOLUTION: *I will avoid gossip and am committed to pursuing holy conflict resolution according to the approach described in Matthew 18:15-17, which requires me to first go directly to the person with whom I am in conflict (Ephesians 4:1-6).*

ACCOUNTABILITY: *I understand that we–my GT-Group, my group Facilitator, and I– all fit together under the spiritual leadership of my church, and I agree to honor that leadership (Hebrews 13:17).*

I agree with and am committed to the values and goals listed in the GT-Group Culture document.

Name:_____ DATE:_____