

COMMUNITY GROUP COMMITMENT

-Relationships-

These commitments describe the quality and depth of relationships we aspire to experience with one another. The picture they offer should be the spirit of our community.

Love One Another — Sacrifice Willingly & Care Intentionally

John 13:34, 1 Peter 4:8; Ephesians 4:15; 1 John 3:11-24

- Be earnest in my love at all times.
- Lay my life down for others in meaningful ways.
- 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

Colossians 3:12-15; Matthew 5:21-26; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Matthew 18:15-20

- Be quick to forgive to maintain unity in the body and faithfulness to God.
- Take the initiative to ask for forgiveness if I know I've wronged someone.
- Remind myself often of what I've been forgiven.
- Follow God's prescribed method of conflict resolution.

Serve One Another — Minister Actively

Mark 10:42-45; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

- Steward my gifts for the benefit of others.
- Actively pursue or create opportunities to serve others.
- Be flexible to meet situational needs.
- Maximize my strengths and recognize my constraints.
- Be committed to the body of Christ, not just to certain parts.

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 honor.
- Stay teachable and show deference.
- Check my motives and expectations before speaking.
- Know my limits and respect the boundaries of others.

Encourage One Another — Cultivate Redemptive Relationships

1 Thessalonians 5:11; Romans 1:12; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

- Be a safe person for others to be vulnerable and transparent with.
- Always seek to build up and never tear down.
- Regularly affirm one another's character when it comes to mind.
- Value the person more than their performance.
- Point others to Christ for hope and help.

Be Devoted To One Another — Commit Wholeheartedly

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

- Offer your presence to others in difficult times.
- Guard my relationships with truth and love.
- Go gently if correction is needed.
- Refuse to engage in or entertain slander, gossip, and backbiting.

Stir Up One Another — Pursue God's Heart & Mission

Hebrews 10:23-24; Galatians 6:7-10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 11:32-12:4

- Take the initiative to help others grow in their faith.
- Look for ways to assist one another as we strive to be salt and light.
- Remind one another that acts of faithfulness are never in vain.
- Point to the power of our purpose in Christ.
- Cultivate a spirit of courage to step out of the comfort zone for God and His Kingdom.

I am committed to living out the picture of godly relationships expressed above to build up the church and demonstrate Christ to the world for God's glory.