



Dinner Group Covenant

Purpose:

To provide a predictable environment where participants experience authentic community and spiritual growth.

Values & Goals:

Relationships & Respect

While prayer and discussion of Sunday messages are key elements of a Dinner Group, the driving force behind the group is the building of relationships. Group members should never say anything that will embarrass their spouse or members of the group. This includes sarcasm.

Authenticity

The atmosphere of a Dinner Group should encourage openness and transparency among members. This is an environment where people should feel free to be themselves.

Confidentiality

For authenticity to occur, members must be able to trust that issues discussed with a Dinner Group are not to be shared outside of the group. Whatever is said in the group will be treated with respect and not repeated outside of the group. Gossip will not be tolerated in any shape or form.

Contribution

We will contribute to the group by either sharing or refraining from sharing as appropriate. We will refrain from conversation that discusses denominations in our church past or other's church past. We will refrain from using the group as a place for political discussion.

Availability

A primary responsibility of community is to prioritize for specific relationships. This requires a willingness to be available to meet each other's needs. We will make group meetings a priority in our busy schedules.

Multiplication

Group members recognize that one of the goals of their group is to start a new group within 9-18 months. This allows others to experience the Dinner Group relationship.

