

Key Group Values

1. Affirmation. It is important to create an atmosphere where group members affirm & encourage each other, build up each other in Christ & help each other to grow
2. Availability. Group members and their resources should be available to each other. People's time, attention, insight, as well as material resources, must be made available to each other in order to meet needs and serve one another.
3. Prayer. Prayer is valued in group life. The group comes together before God to praise, ask, confess, and thank Him for all He has done. Prayer encourages group members to be humble, knowing that all comes from God. In prayer, they also feel valued and come to understand their own worth.
4. Openness in the relationships within the group promotes honesty and an ease of sharing feelings, struggles, joys, and hurts. Reaching the goal of authentic relationships
5. Honesty. The desire to be honest with each other is critical to authentic relationships. In order for trust to be built among the group members, they must speak the truth in love
6. Safety. Honest, open relationships must be guarded with an agreement of safety-that what is said in the group will remain confidential, that opinion will be respected and differences will be allowed.
7. Confidentiality. As part of the concept of safety, confidentiality promotes openness by promising that whatever is shared within the confines of the group will not be repeated elsewhere.
8. Sensitivity. A commitment to sensitivity to the needs, feelings, backgrounds, and current situations of other group members will help build relationships in the group.
9. Accountability. In authentic relationships, accountability is voluntary submission to another group member(s) for support, encouragement, and help in a particular area of your life, giving them some responsibility for assisting you in that area.
10. Evangelism. As a group, evangelism is being committed to expanding the community of believers through such things as sharing your

faith, using the "open chair" to invite people into the group, or other types of outreach.

11. Multiplication. Having your group grow and eventually birth a new group enables the group to carry out the vision of seeing more people connected in Christian community, growing in their relationship with Christ.

GROUP TASKS

Some group activities that can be shared by members of your group, depending upon their gifts and desires.

- . Leading discussions
- . Social time
- . Prayer time
- . Phone calling
- . Keeping the group roster
- . Maintaining a list of serving opportunities in the church
- . Organizing group outreach
- . Hosting the group
- . Becoming an apprentice
- . Leading worship
- . Writing notes and cards
- . Visiting members who have needs or who are ill
- . Preparing for group meetings
- . Maintaining list of service schedules
- . Keeping a list of birthdays of members
- . Choosing curriculum
- . Providing feedback and evaluation