

## OUR LIFE GROUP COVENANT [DRAFT]

2011-2012

We, the members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Life Group, have covenanted together to pursue biblical community under the following guidelines:

**Leaders/Facilitators:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Group Purpose

*We believe God is calling our group to...*

### Group Theme Verse/Image/Phrase

#### Group Values [recommended]

*As we pursue our purpose together, we make the following commitments to one another...*

<b>Priority</b>	We will do our best to attend at least 4 out of every 5 meetings, and to let our leaders know at least 24 hours in advance when we are not able to attend.
<b>Punctuality</b>	We will do our best to be on time for every meeting, and when we can't, to phone ahead to let our leaders know.
<b>Safety</b>	We will do our part to create a safe environment where everyone can be heard, accepted, understood and loved, without fear of quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes.
<b>Confidentiality</b>	We will keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	We will refrain from gossip and immediately seek to address concerns through the principles of Matthew 18:15-17.
<b>Spiritual Health</b>	We will give one another permission to help us live a whole and fulfilling spiritual life that is pleasing to God, by seeking to apply biblical wisdom to our daily lives.
<b>Limit Freedom</b>	We will refrain from engaging in activities in our Life Group meetings and get-togethers that might cause a member of our group to stumble (e.g. serving or consuming alcohol, entertainment choices, etc.), as in 1 Cor 8:1-13, Rom 14:19-21.
<b>Spiritual Friendship</b>	We will be intentional in getting to know one another and praying for one another regularly, focusing all our relationships on Jesus Christ.
<b>Discernment</b>	We will pray regularly for God's direction for our group's efforts in worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism.
<b>Contribution</b>	We will strive to give everyone an opportunity to contribute his or her spiritual gifts for the good of the group and the larger church community.

## Group Parameters

When we will meet (day/frequency): \_\_\_\_\_

Where we will meet (place): \_\_\_\_\_

We will begin at \_\_\_\_\_ and end at \_\_\_\_\_

Exceptions will be communicated by (person/format): \_\_\_\_\_

Refreshments will be provided/arranged by: \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare will be provided/arranged by: \_\_\_\_\_

Our group will be open to new members until (date/size) \_\_\_\_\_.

Review Date of this agreement (date when can members reassess their commitment?): \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:** We will do our best to attend the following service together:

8:30 am

10:30 am

Night Church, 6:00 pm

By agreeing to the terms of this covenant, group members commit to support and exhort one another in fulfilling them, and to accept such support and exhortation when it is necessary.

In the presence of God and of one another, we make this commitment to one another:

[Signatures]

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## OUR LIFE GROUP COVENANT [EXAMPLE]

2011-2012

We, the members of the Treasuring Christ Life Group, have covenanted together to pursue biblical community under the following guidelines:

**Leaders/Facilitators:** Luke and Lucy Meyerhauser

### Group Purpose

*We believe God is calling our group to encourage one another to treasure Christ more fully as disciples, spouses, parents, and citizens, as we pursue friendship with God, with one another, and with our neighbours.*

### Group Theme Verse/Image/Phrase



*"My goal is that they will be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have full confidence because they have complete understanding of God's secret plan, which is Christ himself. In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:2-3 (NLT)*

### Group Values

*As we pursue our purpose together, we make the following commitments to one another...*

<b>Priority</b>	We will do our best to attend at least 4 out of every 5 meetings, and to let our leaders know at least 24 hours in advance when we are not able to attend.
<b>Punctuality</b>	We will do our best to be on time for every meeting, and when we can't, to phone ahead to let our leaders know.
<b>Safety</b>	We will do our part to create a safe environment where everyone can be heard, understood and loved, without fear of quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes.
<b>Confidentiality</b>	We will keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.
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<b>Limit Freedom</b>	We will refrain from engaging in activities in our Life Group meetings and get-togethers that might cause a member of our group to stumble, as in 1 Cor 8:1-13, Rom 14:19-21.
<b>Spiritual Friendship</b>	We will be intentional in getting to know one another and praying for one another regularly, focusing all our relationships on Jesus Christ.
<b>Discernment</b>	We will pray regularly for God's direction for our group's efforts in worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism.
<b>Contribution</b>	We will strive to give everyone an opportunity to contribute his or her spiritual gifts for the good of the group and the larger church community.

## Group Parameters

When we will meet (day/frequency): *Every Monday*

Where we will meet (place): *Meyerhauser's home*

We will begin at *7:00 pm* and end at *9:00 pm*

Exceptions will be communicated by (person/format): *Lucy, by email if 3+ days notice, by phone if less*

Refreshments will be provided/arranged by: *Sharon Klassen*

Childcare will be provided/arranged by: *parents to contribute \$1 per child, Lana Meyerhauser will babysit*

Our group will be open to new members until *November 1, 2011*.

Review Date of this agreement (date when can members reassess their commitment?): *January 1, 2012*

**Optional:** We will do our best to attend the following service together:

8:30 am

10:30 am

Night Church, 6:00 pm

By agreeing to the terms of this covenant, group members commit to support and exhort one another in fulfilling them, and to accept such support and exhortation when it is necessary.

In the presence of God and of one another, we make this commitment to one another:

[Signatures]

*Luke Meyerhauser*

*Phil Rempelmeister*

*Nancy Smythe*

*Willard Klassenhauer*

*Cindy Rempelmeister*

*Bill Chester*

*Francis Willard*

*Greg Hinson*

*Beu Willard*

*Ron Smythe*

Dated: *October 17, 2011*