

## HOME GROUP LEADER COMMITMENT

**Biblical Authority and Statement of Faith:** Leaders must believe that all Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16) and the following doctrinal truths:

- ❖ That there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.
- ❖ That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, fully inspired without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice.
- ❖ In God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
- ❖ In Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings; His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and His personal, visible return to earth.
- ❖ In the Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all the biblical gifts of the Spirit.
- ❖ That all people are sinners by nature and choice and, therefore, are under condemnation; that God regenerates by the Holy Spirit, those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord; that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit and power for service, often subsequent to regeneration.

- ❖ That the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: baptism and communion. We believe in baptism by immersion and communion; open to all believers.
- ❖ In the laying on of hands for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, for ordination of pastors, elders, and deacons, and for receiving gifts of the Spirit.
- ❖ In the personal, visible return of Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom, in the resurrection of the body, and the final judgment.

## **Lifestyle Qualifications**

Because facilitators are leaders in the church they are required to fulfill the standards laid out in Scripture for Deacons. In 1 Timothy 3:8-13, when Paul directed Timothy to establish deacons in the church he told him to select people that were *reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as Deacons, being found blameless. Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let Deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as Deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

Facilitators are required to maintain a good reputation. One should avoid situations and circumstances that may put his/her reputation in jeopardy. Avoid situations or behaviors that may cause a person to ignore the conviction of the Holy Spirit or cause a believer in the Lord Jesus to stumble or justify sinful behavior. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:23 “all things are lawful but not all edify”.

I will honor and protect the unity of our church by guarding my speech and resolving conflict using a biblical approach. I will resolve conflict using Matthew 18:15-17 as the standard.

As a leader committed to a healthy church, I will submit to the authority of the church as established in Scripture, and model an attitude of submission for my Home Group. I am accountable to God, my pastors and elders, my fellow believers in the body, and specifically, my Home Group.

As a leader, I (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to adhere to the belief statements, standards and procedures set forth within this ministry outline.

(Sign) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_