

## Family Group Guidelines

**Group purpose:** To make disciples by connecting relationally and growing spiritually through weekly meetings in a group setting.

We believe these seven guidelines are essential in helping our groups accomplish our purpose. Please read them and sign at the bottom.

1. **Attendance:** Great things happen when God's people get together in small communities and others have put much time, effort and prayer into each group meeting, therefore, we will give priority to the group meeting. I will call when/ if I'll be absent or late.
2. **Safety:** I will work to create and maintain a safe place for all who are a part of this group including the children. I will provide opportunities for others to be heard and will guard against hasty answers or judgments.
3. **Confidentiality:** In order to maintain an atmosphere of intimacy and authenticity, I will hold what is shared in strict confidence. What is shared in the group stays in the group. With the exception being self-harm or the physical harm of someone else.
4. **Accountability:** I give permission to the group members to hold me accountable in my walk with Jesus and the goals I've set for myself.
5. **Assimilation:** I will strive to practice openness and hospitality within the group to keep the door open to others in our church and community who need what our group has to offer.
6. **The Bible:** While everyone's thoughts and opinions are valuable and encouraged, I will ultimately rely on the truth of Scripture as my final authority.
7. **Growth and Multiplication:** Healthy communities grow as they extend invitations to their friends. At a designated date, and working with FBC leadership, I will seek to multiply the group's influence by releasing new leaders and starting new groups.

*I agree with the other members of this group to do my best in honoring these guidelines.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_