

ABS & Home Group Leader Covenant



The goal of this covenant is to help us all be accountable for being the people God called us to be, living our lives close to God and clean before Him, so that the people we encounter are transformed as the Holy Spirit uses the witness of our life to call them to a closer walk with Jesus Christ. Please read carefully the following statements, then sign to affirm your participation as an Adult Bible Study Teacher/Home Group Leader in the coming year.

As a leader in Westwood's Small Groups Ministry I agree to:

- **fulfill the tasks outlined in the ABS/Home Group Leader Job Description.**
Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others... (1 Peter 4:10)
- **pursue spiritual growth by practicing the daily habits of personal Bible study and prayer.**
"Pray continually" (1 Th 5:17) "I will not neglect your word." (Psa 119:16)
- **maintain a morally pure and ethical life, both in public and private.**
"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1:22)
- **strive to reach lost and unchurched people and to lead my group to do so.**
"God... gave us the ministry of reconciliation:" (2 Cor. 5:18)
- **actively participate in my small group, worship and service opportunities at Westwood.**
"Let us not give up meeting together... but let us encourage one another..." (Heb 10:25 NIV)
- **lead my group and work with church leadership to accomplish the overall goals of the church.**
"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They... must give an account." (Hebrews 13:17)
- **deal with personal and group conflict in a Scriptural manner.**
"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Eph. 4:29)
"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault. (Matthew 18:15)
- **participate in training and planning meetings for group leaders**
"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15)
- **practice Scriptural giving to support the ministry and mission of the church.**
"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34)
"You give a tenth... but you have neglected the more important matters... You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former." (Matthew 23:23)
- **place the needs of the church body above the needs of my group.**
"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Eph 4:16 NIV)
- **refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages and all forms of gambling.**
"So whether you eat or drink... do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble..." 1 Cor 10:31-32
- **support the strategy of the Small Groups ministry, including multiplication of groups.**
"Every day they continued to meet together... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47
- **step down from service if asked by ministry directors.**
"Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly." (James 3:1)
- **secure the permission of my spouse (if applicable) to serve in this leadership role.**
"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." Eph. 5:25

Before my Lord Jesus Christ, I commit myself to serve Him and His church by faithfully ministering through the Small Groups Ministry of Westwood Baptist Church.

Signature

Date