

Confidentiality and Accountability: A Group Agreement

In order to be a successful small group community, we *must* have confidentiality, accountability and grace.

Confidentiality - what we say here stays here.

Accountability - experiencing the grace of God together as we work through our weaknesses, fatigues and failures.

Grace – showing kindness, courtesy and mercy towards others, no matter what.

In our small groups at Hyde Park, we seek to extend grace to one another:

- Living a transparent life; being open and honest
- Doing what you say you are going to do
- Not becoming defensive when someone is honest with you
- Celebrating and encouraging with others when God moves in and through you
- **Being dedicated to our core values of being open-minded (being open to all perspectives, even those different from your own) and being warm-hearted (being open to all people, even those different than you).**

This group is a place where people can let protective barriers down and be truly honest about failures and frustrations, successes and breakthroughs. And, it is a place where we all are open-minded and warm-hearted toward each other, *especially* when we don't see eye to eye. **When we are confidential, accountable and graceful, we all grow together.**

I, _____

agree to be confidential, accountable and to extend grace toward my fellow group members.

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