



## Mission

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*(**LIVING**) They praised God. They were respected by all the people. Every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved. (**EVANGELISM**)*

Acts 2:42-47 NIRV

## Values and Goals

### Relationships

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### Confidentiality

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### Respect

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### Availability

A primary responsibility of the group is to prioritize for specific relationships. This requires a willingness to be available to meet one another's needs.

### Multiplication

Group members recognize that one of the goals of their group is to start a new group within the life cycle of the group. This allows others to experience the Community Group relationship.

## Group Guidelines

1. The group will meet from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The group will meet on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The group sessions will begin at \_\_\_\_\_ and end at \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The group time will typically consist of \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of sharing, \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of study/discussion, and \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of prayer.
5. This group will be a (Circle One) Open Group / Closed Group unless all members agree to add members.
6. Group members will attend and participate on a regular basis.
7. Members will be encouraged to pray for other group members on a weekly basis.

***I commit together with the other members of this group to honor this agreement.***

Group Leader(s):

(Sign + Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Group Members:

(Sign Only)

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# THE GROVE

## Group Leader Requirements

### Before Group Begins:

Fill out a Group Agreement Form to begin the process of requesting to start a new group.

When requesting to begin a group please keep in mind that all groups should leave a minimum of 3 to 5 weeks before the start date of the group for advertising.

All Group dates must be presented and approved by the church office to ensure calendar dates are available and do not conflict with other Grove events and services.

Group Leaders must have or be actively seeking an apprentice to lead with them (Never do ministry alone).

Understand that most groups will be asked to operate as a “Shadow” group for a period of time to determine response and longevity before making the group public, this will ensure that the leader will have time to find an apprentice and develop a foundation or “core” to their group.

Before advertising your group publicly we ask that you determine a name for your group and develop or ask Barbara to help you with a group LOGO This will make your group recognizable and help people feel like they are a part of something, not just attending a meeting.

### Once a Group is going:

Group Leaders are responsible for advertising, communicating, and supporting those in their group. (The Grove will advertise the beginning of new groups and periodically all groups available at The Grove).

Report Attendance- each week/month after your group meets you will need to report to the office what your group attendance was and any spiritual milestones (Salvations, Healings, Holy Spirit baptisms, Praise Reports, etc.) We request that you do this through the website [www.thegrovefc.org](http://www.thegrovefc.org) . From the Home page click on “GROW” in the top menu then on the Grove Groups logo, OR on the Grove Groups logo in the lower sliding graphic of the Home page. At the bottom of the Groups page click on the yellow button that says “Leaders & Facilitators”. Enter the password “lovewell”. Fill out the “Grove Groups Leader Form” with your group information, and click the “Send Email” button at the bottom of the form. This will notify the office of your attendance. If you do not own a computer please see Barbara Phillips to set up an alternative reporting method. PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY!! Your group is not over until you do your reporting.

NEVER Cancel an Open group without 3 to 5 weeks notice to the body. We don’t want a new participant to show up to an advertised group to find no one there. Have your apprentice lead in your absence.

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