



## ESSENTIALS OF A SMALL GROUP

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#### 1. Christian Atmosphere

The Small Groups will welcome, accept and respect each member as a child of God.

#### 2. Commitment

The members of the Small Groups will commit to regular attendance.

#### 3. Prayer

The members of the Small Groups will agree to pray on a daily basis as part of completing the lessons and be willing to participate in shared prayer in the small group setting.

#### 4. Preparation

The members of the Small Groups will prayerfully complete the daily lessons before attending the weekly sessions.

#### 5. Faith Sharing

The members of the Small Group will be willing to share their answers to the study questions as written on their lessons. They will also listen respectfully to the answers given by others.

#### 6. Time Management

The Small Groups will operate in a timely manner. All questions will be answered with a time allowance made for shared prayer during the session.

#### 7. Confidentiality

The members of the Small Groups will not discuss any personal situations or prayer requests outside the group.

### SPIRITUAL GOALS:

To provide a hospitable and secure setting in which the Holy Spirit can work through the Small Group members to facilitate faith sharing

To build a strong faith community which will enhance the sharing of spiritual insights and experiences among the members

To develop a personal habit of prayer using the Scriptures and to join with others in the Small Group to hold up their needs and petitions in prayer

To open members' hearts, minds and souls to God through the study of His Word and to apply the insights received in daily life

To uncover the richness of Scripture and to discover how God's Word touches the hearts, minds and lives of all the members

To be good stewards of the time God has given; to insure that an opportunity is provided for members to share and to hear God's inspired answers to all of the questions for the week; to maintain the focus of the group on the lesson

To build an atmosphere of trust within the Small Group setting that encourages members to share openly about their faith and their lives