

Small Group Leader Commitments

1. **I will make my daily, living connection with Jesus Christ a priority—being in community with Him is the foundation for all community.** How will a group member know what this looks like? It will have to be modeled by a leader, or mentor. Remember, whatever you want to happen at the member level will have to be experienced by the leader first.
2. **I will humbly lead an authentic Christian lifestyle.** My group members will see my daily walk with Christ. They will see me actively seeking him, walking in obedience to His word, admitting my failures and relying on the power of his Spirit to grow and transform me into greater Christlikeness. I need His grace every day.
3. **I will faithfully and actively support the mission, vision and core values of Hometown Church.**
4. **I will gather my group regularly for the purpose of cultivating relationships where we CARE for one another, SHARE our lives and faith and seek God together in PRAYER.** For members of a group to truly experience what it means to have a sense of family, to grow spiritually and to live out their purpose, being together will be the norm.
 - a. **CARE - I will personally provide or help to facilitate care for my group members.** Modeling this will go a long way in getting the group to care for each other. I acknowledge that God doesn't want me to carry this load alone!
 - b. **SHARE - I will use my influence to help those in my group to grow in their relationship with Christ and their understanding and obedience to Biblical truth.** I must not take this responsibility on myself but enlist the co-leaders/apprentices to join me in discipling other members of the group.
 - c. **PRAYER - I will pray with and for my small group at least weekly.** Prayer takes the humble position of looking to God to do what only He can do. I/we will commit to pray for one another's requests as well as the needs of the church and her mission.
5. **I will intentionally work to identify and develop potential small group leaders within my group.** This doesn't happen automatically. It must be intentional. It must be built into the culture of the group.
6. **I will encourage my group to invite new people and show hospitality to new group members.** This requires the delicate balance of the comfort, familiarity and intimacy of a close-knit group with the mission of making room for others.
7. **I will stay connected to and support the Leadership Community at Hometown.** We all need to pay attention to the examples of the leaders just ahead of us. We also need to meet the needs of the leaders just behind us. We are all part of a larger leadership community, which means we weren't made to stand alone. I will participate in the scheduled leadership gatherings designed for vision, equipping and encouragement. I will also regularly meet with a smaller group of leaders in order to be discipled by them and to be a part of discipling them as well.