

# DGROUP COVENANT



*This Covenant communicates how every discipleship group member commits to living in community. This is how you help people grow their faith.*

## VISION

Every is called equipped to fulfill a unique purpose as we strive to make Jesus central to the world around us. Specifically, our DGroup aspires to fulfill the calling God has placed on our life to bring His love into the lives of those around us in the context of a smaller community. That's what DGroups are all about—connecting people and growing faith. We aren't called to be perfect. We just have to be committed.

- Committed to seeing people distant from God to be made alive and included in Christ.
- Committed to offering a place for people to connect with strangers and meet new friends.
- Committed to being there for people when the struggles of life challenge their faith.
- Committed to drawing out the God-given potential in each one and raising one another to live their potential out.

### **Welcome One Another—as Christ welcomes us** *Romans 15:7*

Be friendly to all, especially the newcomer. Help create a positive and joyful atmosphere. Follow the model of a loving and welcoming spirit of Jesus. Speak in a way a newcomer understands. Pray for the newcomer.

### **Love One Another – Care Intentionally** *John 13:34; 1Pet 4:8; Eph 4:15*

Be earnest in my love at all times. Always speak the truth in love. Listen to understand; don't assume or accuse. Pray for one another with compassion.

### **Forgive One Another – Pursue Unity** *Eph 4:1-32; 1Cor 1:10; Matt 18:15-20*

Be quick to forgive and ask forgiveness. Let personal offenses roll off my back or to God in prayer. Model unity by resolving conflict quickly. Get the whole story, including both sides in personal conflict

### **Serve One Another – Minister Actively** *Gal 5:13; Ex 17:11-12; Prov 19:20; 1Cor 12:21-26*

Be intentional in blessing others. Stay teachable and show deference. Be flexible to meet situational needs. Maximize my strengths and recognize my constraints. Be committed to the whole, not just the part.

### **Submit To One Another – Esteem Others Highly** *Eph 5:21; 1Pet 5:5; Phil 2:3-4; Matt 7:3-5*

Be the first to lead in humility and honour. Serve other's interests before my own. Check my motives and expectations before speaking. Know my limits and respect the boundaries of others

### **Encourage One Another – Cultivate Redemptive Relationships** *1Thes 5:1; Rom 1:12; Eph 4:29*

Be a safe person to get real with. Seek to build up always and never tear down. Complement others character. Value the person more than their performance. Point to Christ for hope and help

### **Be Devoted To One Another Wholeheartedly** *Rom 12:5-10; Prov 17:17; Prov 13:3, Heb 13:17*

Be there in the hard times. Seek reconciliation between others. Guard my relationships with truth and love. Go gently if correction is needed. Obey the Word of God and the leaders God has placed

In order to protect this community, I will avoid both speaking or listening to unhealthy criticism of others and solve conflict biblically. Specifically, I will be discrete in my communication, correct slander and gossip immediately, and speak directly with those involved. I am committed to living out the values outlined above and will pursue to model Christ-like character and build up one another for Christ's glory. Mosaic is my family, the DGroup is my inner circle, I will do everything in my power, with God's help to preserve the unity of this house because a house that is divided cannot stand; I will avoid quarrels, seek peace and love for all my brothers and sisters. I choose to humbly submit myself under the Mighty Hand of God and to obey the leaders He has set over me.

# DGROUP COMMITMENT



*This Commitment communicates what every discipleship group member commits to maintaining and defines the guidelines for our community.*

- I will make my DGroup meetings a priority, and if I'm unable to attend or running late, I will call ahead.
- I will come to my DGroup meeting one time, prepared and ready to participate.
- I will commit to my DGroup to focus on applying God's Word to my life.
- I will maintain confidentiality of the personal information that is shared within my DGroup. I understand my small group leader may communicate appropriate information to those in leadership as necessary and I trust his or her discernment in this.
- I will be accountable to my DGroup concerning my personal and spiritual goals.
- I will commit to a DGroup that is open to new attendees and, as it grows, we will seek to multiply to further God's work.
- I will encourage other members to cultivate a daily quiet time with God.
- I will not use my DGroup for personal financial gain, I recognize that business ventures should be done outside of the DGroup gathering.
- I will pursue opportunities to share what God has done in our lives to those that do not know Jesus Christ.
- I will pray and support his house, Mosaic Church Lloydminster and continue to seek God's direction for our DGroup Ministry.

## JOHN 17 – JESUS' PRAYER FOR US

13 "Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. 14 **I have given them your word.** And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to this world any more than I do. 17 Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. 18 **Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.** 19 And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

20 **"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message.**

21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

22 **"I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.** 23 I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. 24 Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

25 "O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me.

26 I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. **Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.**"