

The Journey
Small Group Values and Covenant

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit...” Eph. 4:3

Confidentiality

I will respect the men within my small group with total and absolute confidentiality. *What is said to me will stay with me*, and will not be shared with anyone. Only as need arises, and with the permission of any involved, may anyone else, even my wife, become aware of what is shared, and then only for the purpose of assistance or as a matter of prayer.

Vulnerability

I will be open with my life, with the understanding that I’m on a journey of trust with the men in my group. *I will work to avoid spiritual superficiality*. My vulnerability is my permission to those within my small group to influence my life for the purpose of helping me become the man God created me to be.

Respect

I will keep my comments focused on the topic matter and will speak only for myself (using “I statements”). I will make an emphasis of sharing my own story as it relates to that topic. *I’ll refrain from grand-standing, preaching, solving others’ issues, and from comments that are politically charged or are demeaning of others.*

Engagement

I will allow the men within my small group to *engage in my life journey*: to encourage, challenge, correct, and “spur me on” in my daily life. When I do the same for them, it will be with a spirit of *speaking the truth in love*.

Prayer

I will grow in making prayer for the men within my small group a priority in my life, knowing that *God listens, responds, and accomplishes* the needed changes in our lives when we pray, and that He is the God of the impossible.

Preparedness

I will make a priority of participating in my group’s sessions each week unless unusual circumstances won’t allow. When I’m unable to attend a session I’ll inform my group leader in advance. *I will be on time and prepared to interact* with the video teaching and any other recommended reading.