

GROWTH GROUP CODE OF CONDUCT

OKOTOKS EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Date: _____

Leaders _____

Ph.# _____

Hosts _____

Ph.# _____

Small groups thrive on participation! The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to help you to discuss and clarify your group's goals, expectations, and commitments.

GROWTH GROUPS: THEIR PURPOSE

Growth Groups exist to help people reach their full potential in Christ by facilitating healthy Christ centered relationships by connecting people into God's word and with each other [emphasis on relationships]. We do this by focusing on four primary activities:

SHARING

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned sharing questions. But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous Sunday's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another, and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual Growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the semester it is our hope that you can find and or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's Kingdom.

FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP

For our group to be healthy, we need to...

1. Make spiritual growth our number one priority (Romans 8:29).
2. Accept one another (Romans 15:7).
3. Take care of one another (John 13:34).
4. Treat each other with respect (Ephesians 4:25-5:2) .
5. Keep our commitments to the group (Psalm 15:1-2, 4b).

GUIDELINES & CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Dates	We'll meet on _____ nights for _____ weeks. Our final meeting for the semester will be on _____.
2. Time	We'll arrive between _____ & _____ and begin the meeting at _____. We'll spend approximately _____ minutes singing (optional), _____ minutes in study/discussion _____ minutes in prayer/sharing.
3. Children	Group members are responsible to arrange childcare for their children. Nursing newborns are welcome, provided they are not a distraction to the group!
4. Study	Our studies will focus on the same topic covered in the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.
5. Homework & Attendance	Joining a Growth Group requires a commitment to attend each week and to do the homework ahead of time. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts, and other special events, but not much more! This commitment is the key to a healthy group.
6. Prayer	Praying for one another

If we cannot come to a meeting, we will call or email _____, by _____ am/pm.

6. Dessert-

7. Socials/Service Project(s)-

8. Other –

We agree together in Christ to honor this Code of Conduct

(To be decided by each person on or before the third week of a semester. Keep this reminder of your commitment for your personal records.)

Signed:
