

New River Women's Group Covenant

The undersigned, in order to grow closer to God, to better emulate his son Jesus Christ, to become better wives to our husbands and better mothers to our children, and to serve as models for those whose lives we touch, do hereby adopt this Covenant.

We hereby covenant to ourselves, to our Lord, and to each other, the following:

Our group exists and is dedicated for growing in God's word and His disciplines. We will strive to include God in every aspect of our lives.

We meet 4 times a month. The first, second, and third weeks are devoted to bible study and the fourth week is dedicated as a social night. This covenant will be in effect for 6 months. At the end of this period; we will each covenant to start our own triads and each invite 2 more to create 3 new triads.

We will meet on Tuesdays, from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. The general agenda is as follows:

7:30 – 8:45 Open in prayer and bible study
8:45 – 9:10 Share and care
9:10 – 9:30 Pray and ending

We have committed to using Richard J. Foster's Study Guide for Celebration of Discipline in order to provide general structure for studying spiritual disciplines. The first week, we commit to individual study of a specific discipline as we feel led, whether it be studying only scripture, researching the topic, reading a book on the discipline, etc. The second week, we will share our discoveries with one another and then commit to a specific application of that discipline for the coming week. We will be held accountable for actually applying the discipline into our lives for the third week we will be called on to share our results, successes, and challenges with one another. At the end of the third week, our group will decide on one of 3 options:

Whether we will spend another week on studying the discipline
Whether we will spend another week on the application of the discipline
Whether we will move forward and examine a new spiritual discipline

We commit to the following agreements:

We honor confidentiality: what is spoken in the group remains in the group

We actively follow God's invitation to develop relationships with new individuals inviting them to be part of New River.

We strive to demonstrate acceptance and unconditional love by affirming one another's contributions
We demonstrate true servant hood to those in this life for whom we care the most including our wives, children, parents, siblings, and friends.

We demonstrate compassion by going out of our way to commit overt acts of friendship and kindness, especially to those who appear undeserving.

We continually hold each other accountable for this Covenant, to demonstrate this Covenant to each other, to pray for, and to actively support and encourage each other toward the successful achievement of this Covenant.

We pro-actively and honestly share with each other our successes and failures. When we fail, we will look to God and each other for forgiveness and encouragement, and we will redouble our efforts on the following day. We will not be deterred.

We dedicate ourselves to being positive, strong role models; we pray that by our example, the desire to express unconditional love and a serving attitude to others will be passed on to those with whom we have significant relationships, and with whom we come in contact.

We each agree, on this date of _____, to preserve the integrity of this Covenant.

Signed:
