

# LIFEBEYONDBELIEF

GROUP FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES



## 1. Be accepting of others in your group by listening intently.

*"This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, (and) slow to anger." – James 1:19*

## 2. Strive for authenticity and openness in the group through honest communication

*"...but speaking truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ." – Eph. 4:15*

## 3. Strive to be genuinely devoted to one another in the following ways:

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER:** *"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor." – Rom. 12:10*

**BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP:** *"So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another." – Rom. 14:19*

**ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER:** *"Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God." – Rom. 15:7*

**CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER:** *"That there should be no division in the body, but (that) the members should have the same care for one another." – 1 Cor. 12:25*

**SERVE ONE ANOTHER:** *"For you were called to freedom, brethren; only (do) not (turn) your freedom into opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." – Gal. 5:13*

**FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER:** *"And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." – Eph. 4:32*

**BE PATIENT WITH ONE ANOTHER:** *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." – Eph. 4:2*

**SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER:** *"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." – Eph. 5:21*

**ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER:** *"...let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." – Heb. 10:24*

**OFFER HOSPITALITY:** *"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Pet. 4:9-10*

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GROUP AGREEMENT



We agree that this group will meet weekly, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ from  
(day) (location)

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of participating  
(beginning time) (ending time)

in "Life Beyond Belief," a 40 Day Adventure of Woodland Hills Church.

We agree to:

**PARTICIPATE.** My participation will include listening to the weekly sermons, completing the daily devotionals to the best of my ability and participating in weekly group meetings.

**BE ON TIME.** Recognizing tardiness often demonstrates disrespect for others, I will do my best to be on time. If I am unable to attend or am running late, I will call our leader before the meeting begins.

**RESPECT EACH OTHER.** Everyone's opinion and questions are respected. (God's Word will be our guide and standard for what is "right" or "wrong", but we will not use Scripture to attack or bully). Advice will not be offered unless requested. We will love one another according to scripture (see other side of sheet).

**KEEP CONFIDENTIALITY.** We will keep in confidence what is shared within the group whether shared in a group meeting, one-on-one discussion or in social interaction. We will honor this confidentiality beyond the duration of this group and this agreement.

**ACCEPT BOUNDARIES.** While we will be accessible and accountable to one another, we will respect one another's personal and family boundaries.

**BE OPEN AND HONEST.** We will seek to be open and honest with each other. Our group is a place where we can take off our masks and be truly ourselves, and be accepted for whom we are.

**ASSUME OWNERSHIP:** This is God's group. (It is not the "leader's group" or the "host's group"! ) As parts of the body of Christ, we will all share responsibility for the group's mission, values and goals.

Signed:

Date: