

Growth Group Courtesies

September 12, 2011

We're excited that you've decided to give this growth group a try! We hope that you have lots of fun....that you'll be delighted in the close friendships and sense of family that will develop over the year...that you'll be challenged and nurtured in your growing walk with Christ....and most of all that God would be honored and pleased by what takes place in our growth group.

Our group embraces the following courtesies. At the heart of any courtesy is putting the interest of others above your own, or "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you." That is why we aim to excel in being reliable in little things.

1. **BE AS CONSISTENT AS YOU CAN.** We'd like to see each member attend the majority of the meetings (missing no more than 1 meeting each season). If this doesn't seem possible, please talk to us. We realize conflicts will arise... just let us know ahead of time. Otherwise we'll assume you're coming to each meeting.
2. **BE AS PROMPT AS POSSIBLE.**
We'll start growth group meetings on time whether or not everyone is there yet. Don't feel bad if you are running late - we still want you to come!!

Sample Schedule:

5:45 Meal together
6:30 Get started, logistics & possible icebreaker, major life events
6:45 Bible Reading
7:00 Discussion - Groups of four
7:30 Prayer
8:00 Meeting over

3. **IF YOU NEED TO TRADE** as a host couple, plan ahead as much as possible. If an emergency arises, or you can't find any one to trade with, call us a.s.a.p. to give us a chance to make calls, get ready, etc.
4. **ONE SPOUSE IS WELCOME** to attend at any time – even if the other has a conflict or you have sick kids.
5. **PLEASE TREAT INFORMATION** shared in discussion and prayer requests as confidential within our group... unless a person gives permission otherwise. (Exception: our group is a part of the church, and under the authority of the pastors. So, if we feel something shared needs their involvement, we will include them.)
6. **ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO COME TO US** with any concerns, questions, new ideas, suggestions, etc. concerning growth group. Much of the direction and many of the ideas we implement come from the training the church provided for growth group leaders. We're then encouraged to add our own flair and creativity to make the dynamics work for our unique.
7. **WE ARE HERE** for you. Need an ear? Need help? Just want to talk. We are here for you. Just give us a call and we will do everything possible to help in any way we can.

Our contact Information: _____ (mobile)

_____ (home)

Other information: