



Group Expectations

PURPOSE

At Eagle Brook, we believe that life transformation happens best in community. Groups help people live out our church's 5 Values: Follow Jesus, Spend Time with God, Connect in Community, Serve Others, and Live Generously.

RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships—along with biblically grounded curriculum and prayer—are key elements to a group. Choose studies that help people grow in their relationship with God and with others. During your times of prayer, focus mainly on prayer requests for group members and their immediate families.

COMMITMENT

Each member should make group attendance a priority. While we understand that life happens and occasional absences are expected, the key to a healthy group is consistent presence and participation.

AUTHENTICITY

The feel of the group should encourage openness and transparency among its members. A group meeting should be an engaging experience where everyone feels comfortable being themselves without fear of judgment or rejection.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Members need to trust that issues discussed within the group will not be shared outside of the group. (There are rare occasions where issues require a violation of confidence legally, especially where immediate harm could come to a person. Please consult the pastor of Groups if this situation arises.)

RESPECT

Group members should never say anything that will embarrass their spouse/significant other or other members of the group. Strive to respect others' opinions by listening, learning from what they share, and being willing to maintain relationships in the midst of differences.

OTHER AGENDAS

A group is not a resource for seeking clients, promoting political issues/candidates, or other means of promoting individual interests. Group members will also not solicit others in the group for financial needs—business, personal, or otherwise (one exception could be a mission trip).