

Group Covenant

1. **Come to the study prepared.** Follow the suggestions for individual study mentioned in the front of the book. You will find that careful preparation will greatly enrich your time spent in group discussion.
2. **Be willing to participate in the discussion.** Your table leader will be asking questions found in this guide as well as other questions. She will be encouraging you to discuss what you have learned.
3. **Stick to the topic being discussed.** This study focuses on a particular passage of Scripture. Sticking to these passages as much as possible allows for everyone to participate on equal ground and for in-depth study.
4. **Be sensitive to the other members of the group.** Listen attentively when they describe what they have learned. You may be surprised by their insights! Each question assumes a variety of answers. Many questions do not have a “right” answer, particularly questions that aim at meaning or application. Instead the questions push you to explore the passage more thoroughly.
5. **Be careful not to dominate the discussion.** We are sometimes so eager to express our thoughts that we leave too little opportunity for others to respond. By all means participate! But allow others to also.
6. **Expect God to teach you through the passage being discussed and through the other members of the group.** Pray that you will have an enjoyable and profitable time together, but also that as a result of the study you will find ways that you can take action individually and/or as a group.
7. It's helpful for each table to follow a few basic guidelines:
 - Anything said in the group is considered confidential and will not be discussed outside the group unless specific permission is given to do so.
 - We will provide time for each woman present to talk if she feels comfortable doing so.
 - We will talk about ourselves and our own situations, avoiding conversation about other people.
 - We will listen attentively to each other.
 - We will be very cautious about giving advice.

Signed _____