

COMMUNITY GROUP AGREEMENT (Optional)

The purpose of Crossings Community Groups are to cultivate strong spiritual lives by building community, growing in our faith, caring for one another, and being on mission to grow God's Kingdom.

In order to achieve this purpose in Community Group, I agree and commit to the following principles.

MAKE COMMUNITY GROUP A PRIORITY

- **RELATIONSHIPS:** To pursue friendships with one another outside of group time.
- **ATTENDANCE:** To be consistent and to give priority to the group meeting. I will alert the group leader(s) if I am going to be absent or late.

CULTIVATE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY GROUP CULTURE

- **CONFIDENTIALITY:** Keep anything that is shared within the group in confidence.
- **SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** Establish a space in which people can be vulnerable and experience grace. Community Group is not a place for quick fixes, snap judgments, or platitudes.
- **CONFLICT RESOLUTION:** Avoid gossip and resolve any concerns by following the principles of Matthew 18:15-17.
- **FLEXIBILITY & GRACE:** Offer group members grace (unmerited favor) when expectations are not met or frustrations arise, and allow for flexibility within the group.

PROVIDE SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

- **PRAY:** Commit to sharing and following up on prayer requests, and pray for one another regularly.
- **LIMIT OUR FREEDOM:** Prayerfully limit our freedom by not serving or consuming alcohol during Community Group meetings or events. This is a way to honor any members who are battling addictions or who are in recovery (1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Romans 14:19-21).

BE MISSION-MINDED

- **OUTREACH:** Individually pray for and pursue at least two people in our lives who do not follow Christ.
- **NEW MEMBERS:** Prayerfully invite friends who might benefit from a Community Group, and warmly welcome newcomers.

SIGN: _____

DATE: _____