

Adult Bible Study & Home Group Leader Covenant



The goal of this covenant is to help us all be accountable for being the people God called us to be, living our lives close to God and clean before Him, so that the people we encounter are transformed as the Holy Spirit uses the witness of our life to call them to a closer walk with Jesus Christ. Please read carefully the following statements, then sign to affirm your participation as an Adult Bible Study Teacher in the coming year.

1. I will serve the following year (through August, 2006) as leader in Bible Study, fulfilling the tasks outlined in the Bible Study Leader's Job Description. Yes No
Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." (1 Peter 4:10)
2. I will grow spiritually, seeking faithfulness to daily, personal Bible study and prayer. Yes No
"Pray continually" (1 Th 5:17) "I will not neglect your word." (Psa 119:16)
3. I will maintain a morally pure and ethical life, both in public and private. Yes No
"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1:22)
4. I will actively participate in reaching lost and unchurched persons, as well as lead my class to participate in Westwood's outreach strategy. Yes No
"God... gave us the ministry of reconciliation:" (2 Cor. 5:18)
5. I will actively participate in the body of Christ through the following means: my Bible Study class, Sunday morning Worship, and either Sunday or Wednesday night activities at Westwood.. Yes No
"Let us not give up meeting together... but let us encourage one another..." (Heb 10:25 NIV)
6. I will lead my class to accomplish the overall goals of the church and strive to work cooperatively with the church staff. Yes No
"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account." (Hebrews 13:17)
7. I will personally and corporately deal with conflict in a Scriptural manner, not allowing negative comments in class without seeking godly resolution. Yes No
*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Eph. 4:29)
"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault. (Matthew 18:15)*
8. I will faithfully participate in training and planning meetings for Adult Bible Study Leaders. (a minimum expectation is attendance at 75% of the events) Yes No
"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15 NIV)
9. I will practice tithing to support the work of the church body. (A tithe is defined as giving 10% of one's income.) This will allow me to teach God's word with integrity. Yes No
*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34)
"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven." (Mal 3:10 NIV)*
10. I will participate in "The Voyage", completing Ports I-VI (by August, 2006) and will encourage my class to participate. Yes No
"...so that the body of Christ may be built up... and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Eph. 4:12-13)

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11. I will completely refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages. Yes No
“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble...” 1 Cor 10:31-32

12. I will support and carry out the vision of Westwood’s Bible Study Ministry, placing Yes No
 the needs of the body above the needs of my class. (See the *Bible Study Philosophy & Guiding Principles*)
“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” (Eph 4:16 NIV)

13. I will step down from service if the Bible Study Directors, Pastor, and Staff are in Yes No
 agreement that it is no longer in the best interest of the church for me to serve.
“Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.” (James 3:1)

Before my Lord Jesus Christ, I commit myself to serve Him and His church by faithfully ministering through the Bible Study Ministry of Westwood Baptist Church.

 Signature

 Date

Comments:

Spouse’s Consent & Partnership

Believing that the spouse is a co-laborer in ministry, and knowing that the commitments of one spouse often affect the other, it is our desire to seek mutual agreement of both husband and wife in this ministry.

- 1. I am supportive of my spouse’s involvement in the Adult Bible Study Ministry. Yes No
- 2. I have read this entire covenant and support my spouse in making these commitments. Yes No
- 3. I will do all within my power to support and serve alongside my spouse in ministry. Yes No

 Signature of Spouse

 Date

Comments:

This document is revised from and takes the place of the “Leadership Commitment”, adopted by the church in 1996.