

Connection Group Agreement

Facilitator _____ Host _____

The purpose of this Agreement is to clarify your group's goals, expectations, as well as the guidelines you will abide by in order to achieve these goals and expectations. This is to formally have you make a commitment to one another to pursue these diligently.

I agree to pursue the four Purposes of MLFC Connection Groups:

1. GATHERING with God's people.

"And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works, not abandoning our meetings, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other."

Hebrews 10:24-25

Creating an environment characterized by grace, truth, authenticity, and transparency so that group members enter into relationships where they are known, loved, accepted, and challenged.

2. GROWING to be like Christ.

"We proclaim him by instructing and teaching all people with all wisdom so that I may present every person mature in Christ." **Colossians 1:28**

We grow together in mutual accountability, in mutual submission, and in the application of scriptural truth, so that each group member becomes more like Jesus in attitude and behaviour.

3. GIVING our lives for God's purpose

"Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship." **Romans 12:1**

Supporting one another in prayer and worship so that group members glorify and honour God through their lives.

4. GOING into the world.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." **Matthew 28:19**

Intentionally reaching out to lost people with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and creating opportunities to show and share the love of Christ

I agree to the guidelines and expectations of MLFC Connection Groups:

Attendance and Courtesy: When the group meets I will give priority to the group meeting and be on time. I will communicate with the host, leader, or a member in attendance when absent or late.

Love and Mutual Respect: In the spirit of grace and truth, I will support, respect, and accept each member of the group. Practically, this means listening and not monopolizing the discussion, allowing everyone to participate, and actively seeking to foster close bonds with other members while growing in the truth of God's word.

Prayer: I will make it a point to pray for other members of the group regularly, and for Miracle Life Family Church (MLFC) as a whole.

Authority: I am a part of MLFC and not separate from it. My group is an extension of the church at large, and of the heart and vision of the Senior Pastors of MLFC, whose authority and oversight I recognise and submit to, as well as those to whom the church has delegated its authority to, including connection group leaders and hosts.

Confidentiality: I will keep in trust and confidence whatever is shared within the confines of the group in order to provide the atmosphere of openness, integrity and trust. Anything shared in the group will not be mentioned outside, even to close friends or spouses. Notable exceptions: (1) I am aware that the leader of the group will share all information shared in the group with the Pastors of Miracle Life Family Church (2) if permission is sought and granted to share a story beyond the group. (3) If a person is believed to be a threat to himself or herself, to another.

Self-Discipline: When the group has Outreach activities, sermon worksheet notes, or a required reading to do, I will come prepared and do my part.

Accountability: With specific oversight from the leader, I will be accountable to members of the group to become what God has designed me to be. I give permission to group members to hold me accountable to the goals I have set for myself an individual and as a group. I will welcome and receive truth about myself from others. I will submit to the authority given to the leader and host by Miracle Life Family Church.

Assimilation: I will keep the door open to others in our church and community (unconnected people) who need what I have.

Growth & Multiplication: I will actively seek to multiply the group's influence by releasing new leaders and starting one or more new groups.

Scripture: While everyone's thoughts and opinions are valuable and encouraged, I will ultimately rely on the truth of Scripture as our final authority.

I agree to the following logistics of our group:

Dates: To meet every week on _____.

Time: I am available for the meeting from _____ to _____ hours.

Location: We will meet at _____

Children: I will abide to the Groups policy on childcare; weather group members are responsible to arrange their own childcare *or* children are welcome and group childcare will be arranged.

I agree to personally commit to the logistics, goals, purposes, and expectations of the group.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Witness: _____ Signature: _____

Leader: _____ Signature: _____