



Women's Ministry

Small-Group-Ministry-Covenant

Thank you for considering the task of teaching or hosting one of our women's small groups. We appreciate your investment of time, energy, and resources and trust that you have not made this commitment lightly.

As the Director of Women's Ministry, I ask that you sign a covenant before each small group semester begins. The purpose of the covenant is two-fold.

1. To ensure that we are teaching sound theology in line with the core beliefs of the church as determined by the elders.
2. To ensure that Bible-believing Christians who have disagreements on non-essential (a.k.a. "open-handed") issues can learn, worship, and grow together because we understand our common ground.
As a teacher or hostess for the women's ministry of _____,

I affirm that I will, to the best of my ability:

- Defend the core beliefs as decided upon by our elders.
- Specifically:
 - * The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are one-God in perfect unity.
 - * All Scripture is God-given, unchanging, and relevant to women's lives.
 - * Scripture is the authority we look to for guidance on what we believe and how we live what we believe.
 - * Salvation is found through Christ alone.
 - * As women, we honor our husbands/fathers as the head of our homes, our pastor/elders as the head of the Church, and Jesus as the head of our lives.

I will do my best to combine the grace and truth demonstrated by Jesus in my defense of these truths, but I will teach these truths as non-negotiable for disciples of Jesus.

In addition, I will do my best to be gracious to those who disagree with my theology on matters that have been deemed non-essential (open-handed) by the elders of the church. I will allow women the freedom to express differing points of view on these non-essential issues, while encouraging them to look to Scripture as their authority.

Signed _____

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(Director of Women's Ministry)