

## 11 EXPECTATIONS FOR SMALL GROUP - Week 1

1. You get as much out of small group as you put into it.
2. "What is said here stays here"
  - If you go deep, we're not going to tell anyone.
  - We want to cultivate a safe environment, where we can be vulnerable, authentic, and honest with what we are going through.
3. We want to be your bros/sisters and have fun together.
  - We will plan SG hangouts on the weekends! We want to be your friend, not just a distant acquaintance you talk about God with once a week.
  - We want to study with you, workout with you, eat with you, shop with you, and do life together!
4. We want small group to be a place that encourages YOU to read the Bible on your own.
  - We want to HELP you understand the Bible for yourself and get excited about the Bible.
5. Small group is a place where you can ask tough questions.
  - Don't be afraid to ask a question that sounds skeptical or critical. No better place to ask those questions than with people you trust.
6. "Healthy things grow; deep and wide"
  - We want to grow deep together and invite others to be a part of our family.
  - This is not a closed group and there is always room for one more person
7. Small group is a place where we can LEARN and PRACTICE how to hear God's voice and understand God's will for your life.
8. Small group is a place to be challenged and help each other grow in every area of our life.
  - We love you where you are at and love you too much to leave you there.
9. We will respect your time.
  - We won't go too long, but we won't kick you out either! We will plan to go about an hour to an hour and a half.
10. The rest of the week will be better because you came.
  - This will be a great investment of your time.
  - Even if you can only come for 10 minutes, come and we will pray for you.
11. We are committed to praying for you!
  - If you ever need prayer, reach out to us and we will pray for you then and there.

### SG Leader Note:

- After sharing expectations, share your 5 minute testimony with the group, if that's something you feel the group would benefit from.
- Have pizzas, drinks, games or anything you feel would bless your people and facilitate authentic relationships right away.

