Our Class Covenant

A shared commitment to truth, trust, spiritual growth, and mutual encouragement

Our purpose

We gather to grow as followers of Jesus Christ: to know His Word, walk according to His teaching, and share Christ with others. We seek to strengthen one another through prayer, Scripture, honest discussion, practical application, and love. (Matthew 28:19–20; Ephesians 4:11–16)

Our commitments

1. Scripture is our authority

At any point in any session, if something is unclear or someone disagrees with a statement, they are encouraged to say so immediately. We will turn to Scripture, read it in context, consider relevant passages, and seek to understand what it teaches. No instructor or participant is above examination. If an answer remains unresolved, we will research it and return to the question. (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:21)

2. We speak truth in love

We listen carefully, allow honest disagreement, and challenge ideas without belittling people. Our aim is understanding and growth, not winning arguments. (Ephesians 4:15; James 1:19)

3. We practice honesty and humility

We may admit uncertainty, mistakes, doubts, or areas where we need to grow. The leader and participants alike remain teachable. No one is expected to know every answer. (Proverbs 27:17; Romans 12:3)

4. We build trust and respect privacy

We do not repeat another person's private story without permission. Confidentiality has limits when disclosure is needed to prevent serious harm or comply with law. We share with discretion and never pressure anyone to disclose personal matters. (Proverbs 11:13; Galatians 6:2)

5. We support and pray for one another

We encourage, help, and pray for fellow participants. We celebrate progress and respond to struggles with compassion. (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Galatians 6:2)

6. Everyone may participate

Questions, relevant experiences, and respectful interruptions for clarification are welcome. Everyone may also pass when invited to share or participate in a role-play. (1 Corinthians 12:12–27)

7. We seek application, not information alone

We will look for ways to apply Scripture through love, service, prayer, integrity, forgiveness, evangelism, and everyday choices. We can return to share what happened and what we learned. (James 1:22; John 13:34–35)

8. We share Christ with wisdom and respect

We prepare to explain the Gospel clearly, listen well, honor others' freedom to decline a conversation, and act with appropriate discernment and care. (1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:5–6)

9. We depend on Christ and the Holy Spirit

Spiritual growth is not simply a matter of knowledge or technique. We seek to abide in Christ and bear the fruit of the Spirit. (John 15:4–5; Galatians 5:22–23)

10. Active participation and commitment

I commit to actively participating in class discussions and activities, completing assigned readings and homework, and coming prepared to share what I have learned. I understand that discipleship requires personal effort, a willingness to learn, and a commitment to applying God's Word in my daily life. (James 1:22; Colossians 3:23)

Our agreement

This is a voluntary guide for how we learn and serve together, not a test of membership or spiritual maturity. We will discuss it openly, refine it when helpful, and welcome new participants into these commitments.

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." — Proverbs 27:17 (KJV)