

Small Group Policy

A framework for grace and peace in a chronic illness small group

As a group, we will:

- Create a space where people feel cared for, prayed for, encouraged and respected – a place people can't wait to return to!
- Limit your group size to six people or fewer to allow each person the opportunity to participate without feeling rushed.
- Recognize that there will be ups and downs and that pain and illness will sometimes cause us to speak or respond in uncharacteristic ways.
- Start and end on time, respecting the energy limits of each member.
- Be open and authentic, creating the opportunity for deeper relationships with each other and with God.
- Engage in discussion, allowing each member a chance to speak and be heard.
- Affirm and respond when someone shares. Vulnerability is risky. Encourage one another.
- Keep what is said here private and confidential.
- Be gracious and kind. We're each affected differently by illness, we're each at a different point in the journey and we may not share the same views on healing, medications, diets, treatments or doctors.
- Let the facilitator know if you won't be there and how the group can pray for you.
- Be considerate of the needs of others by:
 - not wearing perfume, cologne or scented lotions.
 - not soliciting the sale of products or services.
 - offering group members the freedom to sit, stand and move to increase comfort.

Sign: _____

Date: _____

