



BAYBROOK
BAPTIST CHURCH

DISCIPLES ON JOURNEY TOGETHER



JOURNEY GROUP EXPECTATIONS

- 1. Remember our purpose.** We are here to grow in full devotion to Jesus.
- 2. We all have feelings.** When we talk to each other we should be mindful of HOW we say something, making sure we've phrased it in such a way that the people we're talking to have the greatest chance of receiving what we've said. Speak as you want to be spoken to. Let courtesy, grace, love and respect be the tone.
- 3. Each small group member is invited, but not required, to join in the discussion.** The same can be said about prayer time. Even though it isn't required, to opt out of these things is a huge detriment to not only your spiritual growth but the group as well. It's been said that the less you open up, the less you grow.
- 4. Avoid dominating the conversation.** Don't be the one who always has to talk every time the opportunity arises. Discussion time is limited, so please be sure that everyone who wants to speak has the opportunity to do so (this applies to prayer time too).
- 5. We're in this for the journey.** Growth takes time. We want to grow in Christ but that doesn't always come quickly, sometimes it takes time to get where we want to go or where others know we should be. Belief changes are changes that usually take time as we're getting before truth, letting it soak in, and slowly owning it ourselves. If we want a group to work best, we must be committed to being patient with each other. Not all of us are at the same place spiritually and all of us have weak areas spiritually that others may have down already. So let's create a patient and loving environment where someone can ask questions and feel safe, not threatened.
- 6. Let's stay on-task.** It's easy to let a group become an exercise in rabbit-chasing but time is short. While a rabbit or two may be okay, the group should do its best on staying the course in what it is studying/discussing and how we can apply what we're learning. The Journey Group Navigator's job is to try to keep the conversation moving forward.
- 7. When it comes to prayer time, share yourself.** Community suffers when the prayer requests are not allowing each other to know you. Let your group pray for you, your needs, your desires, and your heart.
- 8. If you have to miss a group, please let your leader know ahead of time.** Communication and accountability are important to your spiritual growth and that comes with being present.
- 9. *What you share in a group, stays with the group.** Confidentiality is a must when it comes to sharing our hearts with each other.

****NOTE: A Navigator is accountable to the Elders. Thus, we consider a group's confidentiality intact if a Navigator divulges group-sensitive information in order to seek counsel from the Elders.***