

JOHN WESLEY'S EIGHT COVENANTS

Participants must be willing to be:

Available (Principle of Commitment/Priority)

This has to do with being there for my group no matter what. I must be willing to accept their calls any time day or night.

Accountable (Principle of Responsibility)

In this area I must follow through on my promises to pray for the men in my group.

Vulnerable (Principle of Transparency)

I must always be transparent, even when it may make me look less than acceptable.

Teachable (Principle of being open/humble)

It is possible to be available, accountable and vulnerable -- but if I am not teachable -- I will come up short.

Doing together what we can not do alone:

Ezek. 1:4-12 *I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north —an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was that of a man, but each of them had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight; their feet were like those of a calf and gleamed like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had the hands of a man. All four of them had faces and wings, and their wings touched one another. Each one went straight ahead; they did not turn as they moved.*

Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle. Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out upward; each had two wings, one touching the wing of another creature on either side, and two wings covering its body.

Each one went straight ahead. Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, without turning as they went.

1) The Covenant of Love (agape):

Your commitment to each individual in your group must be of the spirit that says: "Nothing you do or say will make me stop loving you."

2) The Covenant of Availability:

a. I will be available, when humanly possible, each time our group meets.

b. I will make myself available to any member of our group whenever they are in need.

3) The Covenant of Prayer:

I will pray for each member of our group consistently.

4) The Covenant of Confidentiality:

Understanding that the other points in this covenant are only possible in the security of a "trust relationship," I will, therefore, make the commitment to our group to share NOTHING outside of our group that has been shared inside our group or shared in private ministry with another member of our group.

5) The Covenant of Openness:

Understanding that I cannot know you and that you cannot know me unless we tell each other who we are. I will make the commitment to tell you who I am, both in my strengths and in my weaknesses.

6) The Covenant of Sensitivity:

I will ask God to make me sensitive to the needs of each person in our group and I will consciously make the commitment to LISTEN to each person each time they speak, whether in words, actions, or attitudes.

7) The Covenant of Honesty:

Understanding that "speaking the truth in love" is both positive and constructive unto bodily growth. I will allow God to use me in our group's growth process by telling you when I agree and when I disagree.

8) The Covenant of Accountability:

It is my conviction that God has placed me in our group "for building up the Body of Christ," and that from time to time within our group it will be necessary for me to seek the mind of the Lord through the counsel and advice of our group. I will accept the responsibility for their counsel and advice and report to them what I have done with their collective wisdom.