



#### DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

The following is the format to be used for Discipleship Groups to support each other in following Jesus in prayer, worship, and service.



#### GATHERING

*The people sit for a time of silence.*



#### OPENING WORDS

*The leader reads the following words aloud.*

Welcome to our Discipleship Group. May the Holy Spirit bless us and keep us during our time together. We are gathered to help each other become better followers of Jesus Christ, which happens naturally when we love him. We become better followers of Jesus by holding each other in his love and by encouraging each other to practice the disciplines he taught. Please remember that everything we say is to be held in confidence, which is one way we hold each other in love.

*Members of the group read the following common disciplines.*

**By God's grace,** I will set aside time regularly for prayer, "praying to God in secret," working toward twenty minutes a day.

**By God's grace,** I will praise God, offering myself and receiving God's love and blessings with the rest of my Christian community in weekly "worship in the beauty of holiness."

**By God's grace,** I will endeavor to serve others everywhere I can, working toward giving an hour a week in service, remembering that Jesus said, "Surely as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

**By God's grace,** I will be a good steward of my money, working toward giving 10 percent to the church and those in need, mindful that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."