# First Mount Zion Baptist Church
# Small Groups Ministry

**Small Groups are relational communities that join together and connect through like interest, fellowship, study, praise and prayer as we share our successes and bear each other's burdens while we grow together in Christ.**

## Small Group Covenant

The purpose of this covenant is to outline expectations for our Interest Based Small Groups Ministry. We are committed to the Bible as our guide and we strive to be characterized by the following common values:

**Biblical Teaching:** There is no substitute for Biblical teaching. Whether our teaching comes from videos, books, or live instruction, we are committed to the Bible as our primary guide.

**Committed Participation:** Groups are intentionally participatory. We commit to bringing our **best to the discussion and application of our teaching.**

**Confidential Conversation:** A commitment to confidentiality will increase authenticity in group conversations. We honor one another by our commitment to trustworthy conversations.

**Encouraging Community:** We are bombarded by negativity in this society. In our group, we are committed to encouraging and building one another up.

**Honest Dialogue:** We are encouraged to speak the truth in love as we hold one another accountable in our pursuit of being a reflection of Christ. We are committed to honest dialogue that strengthens our faith.

**Prayerful Support:** Prayer is not a last resort, it is of first importance. We commit to being intentional in our prayers and we commit to praying for our small group and one another regularly.

**Priority Planning:** We lead busy lives in a fast-paced society. We honor one another by our commitment to prioritizing the time we have designated to meet.

**Sacrificial Serving:** Sometimes we serve one another and sometimes we serve with one another. We commit to a lifestyle of serving in and through this group.

**Great Commandment / Great Commission Covenant:** Regardless of the type of group. The main purpose of each one is to create a place where we can grow to become more like Jesus: To model His character, ways and mission to the world through approaching life and each meeting through the **4BP Strategy.**

## We strive to commit to:

**Lift UPWARD**- Worship the Lord; Love the Lord God with all your heart, soul & mind. *Matthew 22:37-38*

**Look INWARD**- Look within your heart and Love your neighbor as yourself, and all mankind. Help those who are in need. Strive to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. *Matthew 22:39*

**Reach OUTWARD**- And make disciples of All Nations. Carry the Good News of our Lord God into the World. Share this good news locally and globally. *Matthew 28:19 & Hebrews 10:23-25*

**Go FORWARD-** And teach others to obey everything God has commanded us. Intentionally equip others to be more "*Christ-like*" in their behaviors. *Matthew 28:20*

**I join this FMZ Small Group committed to upholding the values expressed in this covenant.**

**Name (Print):** _____

**Name (Signature):** _____

**Date:** _____

**Make the Connection* Make Disciples *Make a Difference**