

# GROWTH GROUPS

**Early is better.** Many group leaders prefer to wait until the group has “settled in” before they introduce a covenant. They feel that it’s better to wait until a group is “serious” before requiring such a commitment. This can lead to unhealthy patterns of behavior within the group that then need to be corrected once the covenant is in place. It’s much better to introduce a covenant as one of the first things you do in your first group meeting. This will clarify for everyone right off the bat what the group will be about and what will be expected of them. It helps the group get started on the right foot.

**Get signatures.** I encourage group leaders to sign the group’s covenant, and to have each member do the same. This officially announces that everyone is now on the same team—that we are starting something meaningful together. It’s also very helpful to have a signature as witness if a group member begins violating the covenant and needs to be corrected.

\*Extra copies are located at [JourneyMin.org](http://JourneyMin.org)

\*Please make a copy for your Growth Group Coach.

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