



*Act Justly. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly.*

## COMMUNITY GROUP VALUES

### **have open doors**

Community groups are open to all who want to walk the journey of faith together. They operate on the principal of living water. Flowing water is clean water, as soon as we close our doors stagnation occurs. New people are always welcome, and at times we split groups to accommodate everyone. Our groups do not exist for themselves, but for the community that surrounds us.

### **are places of growth**

Grace is experienced and extended to each member. And we are invited to grow at our own pace and comfort level. Groups should be a safe place where trust is evident. Our acceptance of each other is not based on performance. And, we intentionally follow Jesus together seeking an appropriate level of challenge and risk taking in relationship. Although our groups provide an intimate atmosphere for people on a spiritual journey, our expectations must be in proper perspective. The community group does not meet all our needs. Some will be met in one on one relationship, some miraculously by the power of the Holy Spirit, and some in the larger community of faith.

### **are places to do Kingdom**

We believe personal growth occurs when the Kingdom of God is lived through us in our local community. Our groups have an ethos of servant-hood and seek to spend 25% or more of our time serving outside ourselves as a group. This also provides an environment for us to use various gifts as we serve. Our goal is to meet practical needs and provide opportunity to build relationships with people. This is done in two ways. One of the ways is through community-wide initiatives with local organizations in the Ardmore area, which is defined as a 3-mile radius around our gathering place. And also, outside of these larger organized initiatives, groups seek to serve their own immediate neighbors in practical loving ways either as individuals or as a group together.