

## Covenant for Learning

- ❖ I believe that all people are made in the image of the Triune God, and are therefore worthy of grace, love, charity, and respect.
- ❖ I agree to speak my truth in love with the understanding that my opinion may be in the minority.
- ❖ I agree that while the general topic of our discussions are public, I will hold in confidence the specific questions or comments of each individual.
- ❖ I agree not discuss an individual's comments behind that person's back.
- ❖ If a person shares personal details I will listen with an open mind and a gracious heart.
- ❖ I understand that my personal feelings of discomfort, confusion, or disagreement do not entitle me to be critical of others.
- ❖ I accept that Holy Spirit is at work in the world opening human minds to explore new ideas.
- ❖ I agree to pray for understanding if I am perseverating on a concept, thought, or idea that I disagree with.
- ❖ I understand that topics relating to gender, sexuality, and sexual orientation may be challenging, and uncomfortable, but that our discussions are about real people, living real lives, who may be in our community but afraid to be open because of judgment.
- ❖ Because of our community's history of sexual misconduct, predatory behavior, misogyny, and male chauvinism, I recognize that trauma of past may be very present for some members. If I have unresolved internal conflicts, I covenant to consider seeking professional help. If other's discuss their own therapy I will not share that information outside of this group.
- ❖ I promise not to define another person by trauma in their past but instead will seek to see them as a whole person with a complex history.
- ❖ As I believe that through Christ Jesus we have forgiveness and acceptance I will seek to give as I have received.