

# Small Group Community Covenant

*\*From Dialogues on Race, Sparkhouse*

In This Group we:

- Talk to each other with kindness and respect
- Know we might be uncomfortable sometimes as we listen to and learn from others
- Will accept loose ends and unfinished ideas-our beliefs are works in progress
- Stay open to new perspectives and unexpected sources
- Expect the Holy Spirit to change our minds through self reflection and transformative conversation
- Move toward unity even when we hold diverse perspectives
- Tell stories from our personal experience, not rumors or second hand accounts
- Hold the stories of the group with care and confidentiality
- Resolve conflict by assuming the best of one another and acknowledging that we all have something left to learn
- Allow each other to be wrong.
- Recognize that thoughts aren't always beliefs
- Trust the facilitator and respect the structure of the course.
- Know there are more than two sides to every disagreement
- Don't use the Bible as a weapon or a tool we can manipulate to make a point.
- Acknowledge that there are multiple, faithful ways to interpret scripture.