

Community Covenant

At Bloom Church, we believe in:

- **God** | We believe in the God of the Bible – creator, son and Holy Spirit – and seek God in all aspects of our lives.
- **Scripture** | We value the Bible as a way to know God’s heart and history, while honoring interpretation as complex.
- **Discipleship** | We seek to follow the example of Jesus in the way we live, treat others, and impact our communities.

That’s it...We aim to keep things pretty simple. The reality is, there are many beliefs across our members. These are the ones that bind us together. Instead of unfolding a laundry list of theological beliefs, we are committed to seeking Jesus with open hearts and trust each other to do the same. Bearing that in mind and for the well-being of all in our group, we commit to the following:

- **Gracious curiosity:** In the face of disagreement, we will keep our voice and tone calm, ask questions, and seek to understand each other. We commit to staying humble and open rather than assuming we know best, and commit to not giving unsolicited advice.
- **Authentic communication:** In the face of conflict, we commit to privately sharing gently and honestly with each other in the pursuit of reconciliation. We use “I” language, and avoid accusing or blaming. If needed, we will include a mutually trusted person to mediate.
- **Honoring beliefs and boundaries:** We respect that theological and social views differ in our community, and commit to learning from each other rather than debating or persuading. We kindly communicate our own boundaries on physical touch and communication, and honor those of others.

New here? We’re glad to have you! We invite you to discern if this is the right church for you, and to honor the above commitments in our space. If you have questions, please ask! Many of our members and leaders would be happy to chat.

A disclaimer for singles: We invite you to get to know the community as a whole and build friendships here. If you’re just getting to know us, for your first several visits please refrain from asking fellow singles for their contact info or to spend time with you one on one as you become familiar with our community.