2019 Discipleship Tour Community Covenant

God is at work throughout our lives but moves in big ways on D-Tours. We seek to have a faith-filled week and commit to seeking the inspiration God provides for life-changing hope, real connection, and greater good. It’s not a week of service, it’s a way of life. Our ideas for how we will live this out are listed below.

Life-changing Hope (UP)

* Be present while worshipping
* Begin and end service with prayer
* Listen to who is speaking
* Participate (sing, pray, etc)
* Make people feel valued
* Nightly prayer circles
* Participate in devotions (take journaling seriously)
* Make time for reflection
* Sharing where we see God daily and how we share God’s work with others

Real Connection (IN)

* Be inclusive and accept others
* Talk with others outside of your group of friends
* Show respect.
* Be open to new ideas.
* Listen
* Find commonalities in others
* Happy Fun Notes (participate and write encouraging notes to one another)
* Be present
* Invite others to activities

Greater Good (OUT)

* Serve with an open heart
* Being Christ to the people we meet
* Smile and encourage others
* Be an active listener
* Don’t be afraid to put your hearts into something
* Be respectful to others and the service location
* Change people’s lives
* Be friendly towards everyone
* Accept others.
* Help people in need.
* Thoughtful conversation.
* Talking with new people.
* Make personal connections with members of the community and listen to their stories.

Traveling as a part of a group is a chance to try new things, be selfless, and probably experience some discomfort. We realize we are a part of a community and will work to be a positively contributing member.

Other agreements:

We will:

* Use our cell phones to keep in touch with our leaders, friends and family at home, and have fun. We understand that there are times where our phones will need to be on silent and put away. We will be present with the people on this Discipleship Tour with us.
* Follow our leaders’ instructions and guidance. We will respect one another.
* Keep our language inclusive and kind.
* Respect one another’s privacy and property. We will follow rules for community space and private sleeping rooms.

Do not bring:

* Expensive belongings
* Drugs, alcohol and medications not prescribed to you
* Firearms, knives and weapons
* Inappropriate physical or bullying behavior

At the discretion of Mary Ellen Helms and Pastor Jonathan, use or possession of illegal substances or inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate dismissal from the trip. Parents of students will be responsible for transportation home.