

## Learning to Love My Friend(s) Agreed Guidelines

1. Jerrie Barber was given permission to be the leader of this group.
2. We will start on time. (6:30, radio station: WWV; [www.time.gov](http://www.time.gov), + - 15 seconds).
3. We will quit on time. (9:00)
4. We will take a 15 minute break. (7:45 - 8:00)
5. I will let the group know if I will be late or absent.
6. I will make up a missed class.
7. I will not speak when someone else is talking.
8. I will talk where others can hear rather than speaking softly and in small groups where others will not know what is being said.
9. I will speak for myself rather than for others such as “they,” “them,” “everybody,” and for God as well.<sup>6</sup>
10. I have a right to all my feelings: the painful as well as the pleasant; I also grant that right to others.
11. I will not make fun of what people say in this class.
12. Jerrie, as the leader, has a right to interrupt.
13. I have a right to disagree with others; I give others a right to disagree with me.
14. I will settle group business in the group rather than get in small groups afterwards and talk about other group members.
15. We have a rule of confidentiality:
  - a. What we say here stays here.
  - b. I will be responsible, taking care of myself, telling the group only what I trust them to keep.
16. If what someone says offends or hurts me, I will tell that person rather than talk about that person to others.
17. If, after the class is over, I realize that I didn’t get finished, I will bring the matter back to the group and work it out.
18. I will try to be humble instead of arrogant. That is, if I don’t know what someone is thinking or feeling, I will ask rather assume that I know what they are thinking or feeling.
19. Others have my permission to respond to what I say.
20. When I ask a question, I will be willing to tell why I want to know the answer.
21. Each person in the group has a right to quit talking when they choose.
22. I understand that we don’t have to “cover” a lesson during the class period.
23. I give myself permission to learn more during the week, thinking about what we said and did in the class than in the class itself.
24. I promise to try to apply these Biblical principles to myself before I try to “fix” others who are in the class or people who are not here.
25. Each group member has permission to bring up “old business” if we need to clarify or discuss something further.
26. We have permission to make additional rules, if needed, to help this group be more effective.
27. I am willing to tell what I like about this class, what is helpful, what is not helpful, and give suggestions for improving this class.