

The Ten Commandments of the Ascent Men's Ministry group on GroupMe!

1. **Overarching Intent**: Always follow the Golden Rule, treating others as you'd want to be treated. Be kind and respectful. Before posting or replying, ask yourself **What Would Jesus Do (WWJD)**? If we all follow just this one rule, none of the others will even be necessary.
2. Do not advocate for anything illegal, unethical, or immoral. Philosophical discussions and respectful debates containing these subjects may be okay, given the context. See Rule #1.
3. In general, no solicitation of products, businesses, or services unless prior approved by a Group Admin, who deems it as beneficial to the group writ large. **Absolutely no spamming allowed!**
4. There's a saying that goes, "Do not discuss politics or religion in polite company." That said, we definitely do not desire to prevent or discourage these discussions in this group! What we would ask is this: for contentious subjects, please be kind and polite. Snipers, keyboard warriors, and disrespectful speech have no place in a group of Christian men.

- 5. Any form of hate speech or bullying will not be tolerated, and will result in immediate expulsion from the group.**
- 6. Please do not “screen shot” any aspect of this group to share outside this group on social media or otherwise. Screen shots to further a discussion *within* the Ascent Men's Ministry GroupMe group (only posted within the group in the app itself) are permitted.**
- 7. Group Admins may remove any individual or any post for any reason. In general, an individual will be given one warning for posting inappropriate content. The second instance of inappropriate content from that individual will result in him being blocked from the group permanently. Especially egregious or intentional/willful violation of the group rules (including threatening language or behavior) may result in the individual being blocked from the group immediately and permanently.**
- 8. Earnest questions from seekers or others looking to learn more about faith, Christianity, or why we believe certain things are *absolutely* encouraged. Iron sharpens iron, *and* good Christian men can absolutely respectfully disagree, while respecting others' beliefs and opinions. This group is a**

safe place to learn, grow, and even question conventional wisdom and Christian dogma. Please see Rule #1.

- 9. Everyone is encouraged to engage in lively discussions, joke around (to include posting “clean” memes, jokes, funny anecdotes, videos, GIFs, and other humor), support one another, request and offer prayer support, offer good ideas to the group, share information about fun things or upcoming events in the area, share faith resources, and create informal events and get-togethers. The primary purpose of this group is men's Christian fellowship!**
- 10. Please, please make suggestions to the Group Admins on how to make the Ascent Men's Ministry more valuable, useful, and supportive to the men of our church and community (to include improvements to this app group). Remember, a helpful leadership rule is to praise in public and criticize in private...so be gentle with us...constructive criticism...we are truly trying our best! 😊**