

THE GATHERING FOR MEN

MEETING GUARDRAILS

Our Meeting Guardrails aren't here to control the conversation—they're here to protect the men, the brotherhood, and the purpose of our time together.

1. Love First

Whatever we say or do, we do it in love—even when speaking hard truth or correcting a brother.

2. Start & End on Time

Meetings start and end on time. If you are late, come anyway—enter quietly and minimize disruption.

3. Begin & End with Prayer

Every meeting begins and ends with prayer.

4. Be Present

Stay mentally and physically present. Minimize phone use unless it is for the discussion or an urgent need.

5. Attack the Topic, Not Each Other

Challenge ideas, beliefs, and behavior when needed—never attack, insult, or humiliate the brother.

6. Everyone Gets a Turn

Give every brother an opportunity to speak. Do not interrupt or talk over another brother.

7. Listen Intently

Listen to understand—not just to prepare what you will say next. No side conversations while another brother is speaking.

8. Don't Try to Fix Anyone

Do not give unsolicited advice, judge, or condemn another brother. Ask before offering counsel, and be prepared to support it with Scripture.

9. Protect the Vault

What is shared in the group stays in the group, except when safety or the law requires disclosure. Concerns about something shared should be brought to Gathering leadership—not discussed or investigated among members. If there is an immediate danger or a legal duty to report, act accordingly and notify leadership as soon as practical.

10. Stay on Topic

Stay focused on the discussion. When a brother has a genuine need, leadership may pause or redirect the meeting. We call this a Pivot. When a Pivot is called, every group and every person moves together into prayer and fellowship. Do not try to figure out who is dealing with what. Focus on praying for and supporting the brothers around you.