

# **Small Groups**

## **SMALL GROUP LEADER**

### **Ministry Description**

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

A Small Group Leader provides care and accountability to a group of 8-10 students. Modeling what it means to be a Christ Follower that isn't perfect, just forgiven.

#### **MISSION AND PURPOSE:**

To create and facilitate a comfortable, welcome group environment where students can connect with God and peers on a deeper level. Students need to feel loved before they will listen about God's love. Assist in answering questions and introducing Biblical Applications for this journey called life, and encouraging them to develop spiritual habits that will impact their life!

#### **GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:**

- Spends time in prayer and Bible study on a daily basis.
- Is engaged in memorization of Scripture.
- Is involved in personal discipleship.
- Stays current with ministry trends.
- Facilitate a Small Group for Middle School boys/girls or High School boys/girls each week.
- Attends all volunteer staff meetings and retreats, as directed.
- Is at the church for regular worship services and special services.
- Is available to the students before and after small group.
- Recruit and train one more volunteer to work within your small group.

#### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of small groups:  
Early arrival demonstrates care. Arriving before the students, allows the leader be ready to greet students as they walk in.
- Encourage student interaction:  
Introduce students to each other and facilitate group interaction.
- Know Students' Names:  
More than anything else, students love to be known by their name.
- Know something about each student:  
Establish a recognize-level relationship by making it a point to know something about a student and referring to it throughout the repeated interactions. For instance, sports, projects, recreation activities, etc.
- Model a Christ Filled Life:  
Your lifestyle will speak louder than your words. Let your life model a true heart after Christ.
- Provides Care and Discipleship:  
Your students will come from various backgrounds and small groups help us move them from a number to a name. As they begin to know you they will open up. In essence, you become their youth pastor!!!
- Engage and Invest in their life:  
Nothing speaks louder to students than adults that are willing to spend time with them outside of small group. Make it a point to go to at least one event that is important to each student. (try to pick an event that has multiple students involved and you will be a hero)
- Follow-up for regulars:  
Write a quick note (3 lines) to the regular students who missed a week and we'll mail it during the following week.