



## SOLVING ISSUES. CREATING A CULTURE.

### CREATE A GROUP THAT PRAYS

- Pair up your students to pray for each other for one month. Then switch the partners.
- In small groups, ask for prayer requests, send them to each person in the group, follow up.
- Plan a prayer meeting-teach students how to pray
- Encourage students to keep a prayer journal
- Challenge student to pray big for God to move
- Talk less - pray more. Do not teach your group that prayer is something done to close a meeting.

### CREATE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE SMALL GROUP

- Pair up students from different schools to be accountability partners
- Host social events to help the students get to know each other. Make sure the event relates to them.
- Create a small group texting chat and engage often.
- Discipleship or Bible Studies outside of youth group:
  - Go through a book study
  - Go through a book of the Bible
  - Just meet together for coffee every week for six weeks. Talk about life.

### YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STUDENTS

- For some students, you might be the only spiritual guide they have. **Always push them towards Jesus.** You will not always be there in their life, so ask yourself how you are preparing them to be spiritually successful.
- Do not waste a moment. You never know if this is the last time you will see a student. Make every conversation count.
- Text them if you can't be there at Small Group. This shows the student you care that you are missing them.
- Make a point to have a personal conversation with at least one of your students a week. Text, face to face...etc. Be intentional.
- Have a relationship with the student's parent. This way you can address issues by talking with the parents. Get their cell # and introduce yourself ASAP. Make sure you also communicate the good things you see in their kids.
- Go to their extracurricular activities.