

Briarwood Student Ministries

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MINISTRY EMPHASIS: *To create an aggressive Shepherding, Discipleship, and Evangelism oriented student ministry for the youth group of Briarwood Church*

PROFILE: *Highly visible and involved leaders; school oriented, Volunteer leader saturated.*

PATTERN: *The Incarnation (John 1:14)*

Pattern Applied

1. Take the ministry to the students-life on life
2. Relational
3. Who adapts to whom?
4. Meeting them half way

D-Groups

- Leader Information -

PURPOSE: To have a ministry in the lives of a group of Jr./Sr. High school students.

Theme Verse

“So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become dear to us!” 1st
Thessalonians 2:8

Theme Passage

1st Thessalonians 2:1-12

- Boldness to declare the gospel
- Approved by God
- Entrusted with the Gospel
- Not seeking Glory from people
- Gentle like a mother
- Desirous and affectionate
- Sharing of ourselves
- Holy and blameless in conduct
- Like a Father
- Exhorted
- Encouragement
- Charged

D-Group Leader Job Description

- **Accept** the oversight of specific Small group. This includes prioritizing each Sunday night and preparing adequately for leading the study.
 - **Facilitate** the group's weekly meeting. Structure is up to you. Remember facilitate not lecture!
 - **Email** Parents at the beginning of each semester!
 - **Encourage** (and Model) acceptance, understanding, and sharing among group members
 - **Build** relationships by spending time with students outside of D-groups. Spend 1 hour per week (excluding the meeting) in relationship time. This can be one on one or group setting (meals, weekend event, sporting events, Wednesday night youth group meeting, BYG or Raiders special events etc). This time is an **INVESTMENT**
 - **Maintain** regular contact with group members and serve as a channel of communication, motivation and concern between individual group members and the whole group. Call or text your students once a week.
 - **Follow-up** group members who are absent to let them know they are missed.
 - **Serve** for a minimum of one year with no maximum time limit.
 - **Seek** help when confronted with difficulties.
 - **Meet** once a month for Volunteer Training. This will be the first Sunday of every month at 5:00pm
 - **Commit** to participating in 1 service project this semester as a D-group
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D-Group Leader Guidelines

- Do not take students off church grounds unless you have parents' permission. When planning relationship time make sure you communicate to parents in advance if students can't drive.
- If you have to miss a Bible Study it is your responsibility let staff member know as well unless you have a co-leader
- Please teach the lesson each week! Students are coming to here learn from Scripture. There should always be enough time for 10 minutes of "catching up" time plus time to go through the study.
- Please go through the Curriculum that everyone else is going through. There are exceptions, but make sure you talk to a staff person if you want to go through something else.
- You are in charge of your group from 6:00-7:15pm(Raiders), 6:00-7:30(BYG).
- Please Worship With the students during Worship time. Do not congregate in the Back of the room.
- Constantly encourage your group to meet in the Barn at 6:00pm every Sunday for corporate Worship.
- Counselors are not to watch Rated PG-13 or R movies at any time with students.
- Students are not permitted to ride with other students.

- Use wisdom and discernment about how and when you spend time with students.
- Remember you are their spiritual leader first and foremost not just another friend.

D-Group Challenges

1. Adolescence
2. A generation gap
3. Differences in ages and response (7th and 8th), (9th to 12th)
4. Immaturity
5. Peer Pressure
6. Society and its messages
7. Students Schedule(school, homework, work, sports, drama)
8. Parents