

# CELL GROUP BEST PRACTICES

## 1. HAVE A PARENT MEETING TO BEGIN EACH YEAR

This will help you gain trust from parents as you communicate what you will be teaching to their son/daughter. Ask for any updated contact information and remind them of important event dates (fall retreat, NEScape, chill out, night of impact, etc.). This would also be a great opportunity to have everyone sign up for bringing food to cell group.

## 2. CREATE A CELL GROUP “CONTRACT” EACH YEAR

Ask your students what they want cell group to look like this next year & cast a vision for biblical community. By putting these things on paper, it gives you and the students a reference for what your cell group is going to be about.

## 3. TAKE BREAKS FROM A “NORMAL” CELL GROUP TIME

Have sleepovers, pool parties, “minute to win it” nights, snow cone outings, etc. to mix things up throughout the year. These fun cell group times will help build relationships as you spend time laughing, talking, and sharing life together.

## 4. GET IN THEIR WORLD

Going to sporting events, plays, choir concerts, dance recitals, etc. will help you connect with your students. By getting in their worlds, you will communicate value, love, and support to them and their parents.

## 5. PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP EVENTS EARLY AND OFTEN

Proven fact: you spend more time with your students during a week long trip than you will during a whole year of cell group meetings. Needless to say, we highly value your attendance at events/retreats.

## 6. TEXT & SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACT

A text from you during the week could mean the world to your cell group students. Simply commenting on an instagram post or tweet is also easy and can have great impact. We suggest that you follow your students on social media sites in order to encourage them through comments and follow up conversations and to keep them accountable. Most students live on social media and this is an easy way to be involved in their lives