

BoldYTH | BGroups

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR YOUR BGROUP!

Fall 2025

BGROUP LEADERS

GETTING STARTED

CONNECT

- **Connect with your Youth Director** to talk about the group you would like to lead this semester so they can set you up with the Planning Center Group for you.

PREPARE

1. **Pray** for your group
2. **Invest & Invite** personally
 - Invite during altar call ministry, lobby time, through friends/family, at work, or school
3. **Follow up** with reminders
4. **Take a step of faith** — Launch your group!

BGROUP GUIDELINES

1. Show up **prepared**
2. Focus: **20% Teaching / 80% Discussion**
3. Keep it **Christ-centered**
4. **Pray** together
5. **Honor the timeframe** you've set
6. Track **attendance and members** in Planning Center

LEADING A GREAT DISCUSSION

- **Start light:** Use icebreakers or casual conversation to build connections.
- **Ask follow-ups:** Go deeper with meaningful, relevant questions.
- **Give space:** Silence is okay — allow time for reflection.
- **Refocus gently:** If conversation drifts, guide it back to the topic.
- **End with encouragement:** Always finish on a hopeful, strengthening note.

CREATING A HEALTHY BGROUP CULTURE

- **Celebrate wins:** Birthdays, praise reports, milestones.
- **Engage beyond the group:** Sit together on Sundays, plan hangouts, serve together.
- **Make them feel known:** Learn names, notice first-timers, call out giftings and interests.

SALVATION MOMENTS WITH STUDENTS

- **Be ready:** Stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit and the moment. If a student shows interest in knowing Jesus, lean in.
- **Keep it simple:**
 - God created us and loves us.
 - Sin separates us from God.
 - Jesus came, died, and rose again to restore our relationship with God.
 - Through faith and repentance, we receive forgiveness and new life.
- **Ask if they want to respond:** Invite them to pray and accept Jesus.
- **Lead them in prayer:**
 - Admit their need for Jesus
 - Believe in His death and resurrection
 - Commit to follow Him
- **Celebrate big:** This is the greatest decision they'll ever make!
- **Encourage next steps:** Water baptism, Reading the Bible, Attending church and a BGroup, Going through Next Steps, and joining the A-Team
- **Follow up:** Let your Youth Director know so the student can be discipled and supported in their new walk with Christ.

BGROUP GOALS

- Get students **connected in community**
- Help them get **planted in church**
 - Attend Sundays, Nights of Prayer, events
- Encourage next steps:
 - Salvation, Baptism, Next Steps, Evangelism
 - Serving on the A-Team
- Empower them to **lead in purpose**

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

HANDLING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

As a BoldYTH, you'll walk with students through the highs and lows of life — including difficult and even traumatic moments. You are in a trusted role, but always remember:

You are a leader first, not just a friend.

You are also a **mandatory reporter** for **any illegal activity** involving students. Below is a breakdown of how to respond in both **non-legal** and **legal** situations.

Nonlegal Situations

We are not required by law to report these, but we do care deeply. Examples include: Gambling, Smoking/vaping, Drinking, Premarital sex, Suicidal thoughts, Harmful or risky behavior.

What To Do:

- **Inform your Youth Director** as soon as you're aware. Don't wait.
- If the situation becomes serious, we'll help the student communicate with their parents or guardians.

Encouraging Student/Parent Communication:

Within 24 hours of the student opening up:

- Encourage them to talk to their parents or guardians.
- They can do this:
 - **On their own** (we will follow up with parents afterward), or
 - **With a Bold leader present** for support.

The goal is **open, honest, and healthy communication** between students and families.

Following Up

- Some students come from strong, faith-filled homes. Others do not.
- Regardless of background, we walk with students through every season.
- Stay present — even when it's tough.
- If a parent is uninvolved or unavailable, we still show the love, support, and trustworthiness of the church.

Always update your campus Youth Director about serious matters.
Never carry heavy information alone.

Legal Situations and Authorities

These **MUST** be reported immediately — no exceptions. Examples include:

- Abuse (physical, sexual, emotional)
- Abandonment or neglect

- Any serious threat to a student's safety

Your Responsibility:

If you come across an issue like this, report it immediately to your youth director, and that director will help you report it to the proper authorities. Although your campus youth director will help, it is legally your responsibility to report abuse, neglect, or the immediate danger of a student. This should take place no longer than an hour after disclosure. If your campus youth director isn't available, please contact your campus pastor immediately.