

WELCOME TO HSM SMALL GROUP!



The First Night

The first night of small group may feel like a first dance to many of our students (and even to many of us leaders as well)! Some of us are super excited it's finally here! Others are anxious, wondering what it will be like and if they'll have a good time. Some students may have been dragged through your front door by a parent or a friend. **No matter how they get there, we are excited they get**

to spend their night hanging out in a community of believers lead by awesome people like you! Let's rock our students socks off with how welcoming we are so they can't help but go home that night knowing how much we care about them! Tonight will be different from normal. Instead of our regular lesson, we want to give little more time to get to know each other, have fun together, collect contact info, and give students vision for what HSM SG are all about and why they should get and stay connected. Tonight is all about letting every student know they belong and this is a place for them to grow closer to Jesus with other students.

1) Registration & Hang Out

This will be your first week running registration, so it may go slower than normal. That's ok! Have some hang out time where you can walk through adding each student and taking their picture. Also, make a GroupMe for your students and leaders to join to have constant conversations.

2) Play IceBreakers

We have included pages of games and ice breakers for you! Look at those in advance for inspiration and plan how you want to **start off your year with some fun and laughter!** Remember, the point of games isn't to win - it's to have fun! We have several virtual and live-but-socially-distanced icebreakers on our HSM Resource Page at resources.gethope.net Pick 2-3 to play with your group.

3) HSM SG VISION AND GROUND RULES

Review HSM's Vision and Ground Rules for Small Groups.

"The vision of the HSM is to reach the high school students in the Triangle and change the world. Small Groups are student-led Bible discussions designed to be safe places to invite friends. We hope to grow and multiply our group at least once each year so more students can hear about Jesus and grow closer to Him in a small group. This is happening right now and groups are growing and multiplying all over the Triangle!"

HSM SG Ground Rules

- 1) We agree to **be on time** in order to respect the others in our group.
- 2) We agree to keep the things that are said in our group **confidential**, unless there's a concern for someone's safety.
- 3) We agree to **attend** our group as **faithfully** as possible.
- 4) We agree to **participate** in group, while being careful not to dominate the discussion.
- 5) We agree to treat one another with **respect** at all times, especially in times of disagreement or conflict.
- 6) We agree to **help** one another out and be available to one another outside of small group meetings whenever possible.

4) Read & Discuss Hebrews 10:24-25

Our main point tonight is we want students to know that **Small Groups are a safe place for them to belong and connect with others in community.**

Read Hebrews 10:24-25 together. Encourage your students to turn to the verse in their Bible or they can use one of ours! “²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” - New Living Translation

ASK:

1. Share a time where someone encouraged you.
2. What things are these verses encouraging people to do?
3. What are ways we can get to know each other this year?
4. What are ways we can encourage one another this year?
5. What is something you are looking forward to this year either in your life or in this small group? Have students write their answer on a notecard to read and collect so you can revisit them later and share it with your HSM Campus Pastor.