

BEST PRACTICES:

HOW TO IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY IN YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY

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1. SERVE IN COMMUNITY

Pick a project in your community that everyone can contribute to.

2. SERVE IN THE CHURCH

Pick another area of ministry in your church, and get a group of students involved together.

3. HAVE A GROUP CHAT

Use this as a space to communicate wins and challenges, ask questions, and even share some memes!

4. DO A BIBLE READING PLAN TOGETHER

Pick a Bible plan and invite students to engage. Facilitate the conversation, but be sure to share your thoughts as well.

5. SMALL GROUPS

Do I even need to explain?

6. STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Allow students to share their thoughts and ideas about how ministry should be done. Ask them for their input!

7. SUPPORT EACH OTHER'S HOBBIES

Attend sporting events, plays, dance recitals, concerts—take interest in the things students are proud to show off to you.

8. SHOW UP TO MAJOR LIFE EVENTS

Birthdays, awards ceremonies, graduations, funerals—show your students you care about them.

9. EAT TOGETHER

Build relationships around the table; home-cooked meals are the best.

10. RETREAT TOGETHER

Get away together. Camps, retreats, day trips—it all helps.