



What Should an EDGE Group Look Like?

An hour and a half with Jr. High students! What higher level of euphoria could one imagine? For some this is simply not enough time. For others this may seem like a week. Either way, I hope this will help you plan and prepare for your hour small group time with effective stuff.

These five characteristics should be a part of every small group time in order to accomplish...

The three purposes of EDGE groups –

Accountability

Deeper Interactive Bible Study

Deeper Connection with other Christians

1. **Social Time** – Catch up on life events. This needs to be controlled and a specific time frame set, or this time could take over. It is necessary, but controlled.
2. **Prayer Time** – Take requests and track how God is working in lives through answers to prayer. This can also mesh well with Social time. OOOHHH! AHHH!! – Multitasking.
3. **Accountability** – This is one of the purposes of EDGE groups so it needs to happen. Use the small group accountability sheet as a resource to get accountability started and current. Again, this can be included in Social Time to add to the “meshing”. To go along with accountability there will be Journals and EC devotional magazines available for each student. This will help you provide guidance with things they can do.
4. **Lesson Time** – You have assigned curriculum to guide the students through. Small group lesson time should be about interaction with each other and a topic/passage and not about lecturing. You are the leader and need to lead the topic. Students need to participate and express their thoughts, but they should not take over the direction of the group.
5. **FUN** - Have fun with your students. Be there for them and with them in life. They are looking for life leadership through you. Having fun in the process will make this year more of an impact. Make the things you do enjoyable.

Implementing these 5 things will make your EDGE group fly by and a wonderful experience.