



The Eight: ShareHouse Distinctives

Engaging With Students

We aren't just running a weekly youth service, we are on the front lines of the collision of students and the Gospel. As a leader you take the first step in engaging students -- we are awkward so they don't have to be. Youth group can be intimidating, but walking in to meet a leader that is genuinely excited to see them each week helps break the intimidation factor down.

Continually Connecting

Being consistently present in a young person's life is one way to build trust and confidence and it's your way of ensuring a safe place for your students to be heard and cared for. When students don't attend youth group for three weeks in a row, the likelihood they will ever come back is low. As a leader you have to consistently be connecting with your students to ensure they know that they are welcome, but also know that they are missed when they are not there. Your voice in their life makes a huge difference.

Identify & Empower

Where do leaders come from? Leaders are fostered and cultivated by the community around them. At ShareHouse we are committed to finding and training the next generation of leaders. Not every student will lead, and that's ok. But that won't stop us from creating safe places for students to take risks in leadership. As a ministry leader, identify those students who you believe have the potential to lead. Empower them in your small group, worship set, or other ministry team you lead. It is your role to see and call out the gifts that God has placed in each student's life.

For The City

Our ministry is not confined to an evening service or a small group meeting. We exist for our city, to serve our schools and our community, and to be a voice of encouragement and hope. Involvement with our city, our schools, and other out-of-church programs is closely related to the heart of ShareHouse. We want students to know that ShareHouse is a place that is for them long before they step through our door.

A Little Goes a Long Way

We believe the smallest actions can have the greatest impact and that no opportunity is too small to serve. When we join together, the details communicate the heart behind what we do. When we greet a student at the door or wait with them until their ride comes to pick them up we are communicating that we value them and that they're worth our time. A simple text or call after the big game will go a long way in the eyes of our students. It all matters.

Radically Inclusive

Every student at ShareHouse is welcomed at the door, connected with students their age, and introduced to a small group leader. The gospel story conveys the message of love and hope to everyone. Jesus spent a lot of His time with the outcast and the unknown. We have the opportunity to be inclusive, an opportunity to be like Jesus. We will strive to continually bring those on the fringes back to the middle and will go out of our way to do it.

Walk The Walk

Self-leadership is vital when leading others. Students will learn more about Jesus from the way you live than from what you say. They are watching your social media and watching the way you interact with those around you. A healthy Christian life is caught, not taught. As role models, leading others means we lead ourselves; taking time to grow personally with God validates and energizes us for ministry.

In it Together

At ShareHouse, together we can soar to new heights in life and ministry but alone we fall. God has designed us for community; in isolation we become susceptible to temptation, resentment, apathy, and discontent. We are committed to doing life and ministry together, to rejuvenating, restoring, and spurring one another on.