

BUILDING AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS AS A SMALL GROUP LEADER

1. PRAY FOR YOUR GROUP

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2. NAME TAGS

Learning names goes a long way. Don't be afraid to use nametags for the first several sessions.

It has been said that it takes 6 times to remember a name!

3. MAKE A POINT TO GET CONTACT INFO

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4. IT'S OKAY TO NOT KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS

It's actually GOOD to not know all the answers
your local priest and our ADW team are there to help.



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5. COMMUNICATION OUTSIDE OF GROUP IS VERY MEANINGFUL

This can include postcards, text messages, seeking a group member out at a weekend service to check in on something they shared, or even send a quick email

6. PERSONAL FOLLOW UP

If someone misses a meeting, shoot him/her a quick text or email.
Don't lay on the guilt, just let them know they were missed.

7. IMPROVE YOUR LISTENING SKILLS

Take time to pause and reflect on what someone is sharing with you.
Ask a follow up question, direct the question to the group

8. DON'T RUN FROM SILENCE

Help those around you feel free to share by giving plenty of space,
even if it means waiting in silence.

