

# BUILDING AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS AS A SMALL GROUP LEADER

## 1. PRAY FOR YOUR GROUP

Jesus reminds us: I am the vine; you are the branches.

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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.

