



Vision

To make disciples of all nations.

Mission

Offering every young person in our community a life changing encounter with Jesus.

Good Shepherd Youth Ministry Policies

1. Disruptions during meetings

We are able to have a good time, joke, and have fun in our meetings. Some teens, however, occasionally take it too far and disrupt our meetings, causing other students to be distracted. In these cases, we follow these progressive disciplinary steps:

Disruptive students will be separated from their friends.

After being separated on any given week, if the student continues with the negative behavior, the student will be asked to leave the meeting and a meeting will be required for future participation.

2. Alcohol & Drugs (this includes vaping)

Students who are under the influence of or in possession of illegal drugs or alcohol or students possessing weapons or tobacco

If a student comes to any youth ministry class or Good Shepherd Church activity and a.) is noticeably under the influence of drugs or alcohol or b.) has possession of illegal drugs, alcohol or weapons, we will immediately report the incident to the student's parents, send the student home, and enforce a penalty for future activities. If recommended by the church leadership and/or required by law, the police and/or other authorities will also be contacted.

If a student uses or is in possession of tobacco products the tobacco will be taken away and destroyed. The student's parents will also be notified.

3. Leaving the designated area

Leaving the supervisory presence of the youth ministry staff (i.e. leaving the Life House, being in places you know you shouldn't be in, leaving the group during trips, etc.)

Sometimes students try to leave the supervisory presence of adult workers so they can avoid group

activities, talk on a cell phone, smoke, couple off, or leave the premises. We cannot allow this behavior because parents trust us to be responsible custodians of their children, and we can't be responsible when students have left our presence.

Therefore, students are not permitted to leave the Life House/Community Center during youth ministry meetings. Those who leave the youth center or the church premises will face the following: the student's parents will be notified and there will be a required meeting.

4. Divisiveness and arguing

We do not tolerate arguing and contention that begins to affect the overall unity and mission of the group. Even small pockets of division have major effects on the group, destroying the collective witness of the Body of Christ. When disruptive division or arguing occurs, both parties will be asked to meet with the youth ministry staff to mediate the conflict. Students who will not own up to their roles in the conflicts and attempt to exist **peaceably with the other students will face the same disciplinary actions.**

5. Physical Bullying or Fighting

Students who engage in physical bullying or fighting will face the following steps:

- The students will be asked to leave the meeting or activity and an adult worker will phone the parents/guardians to pick up the students early. The situation will be discussed with the parents and the students will be given a cooling off period away from all youth ministry activities for two weeks.
- If there is a second offense, the students will be suspended indefinitely.

6. Inappropriate Clothing

We desire for all participants to respect their own bodies and those of others. We require all teens and adults to adhere to our modesty guidelines. Below are the rules for the sake of comfort, safety and modesty.

- Please do not wear spaghetti strap tank-tops or low cut/revealing tops.
- Please do not wear short shorts. Shorts must cover thighs. When hands are placed to the side, shorts should be at least as long as the fingertips.
- No crop-tops. Please make sure shirts cover the entire stomach and back while sitting and with arms raised above the head.
- Please do not wear tights, leggings, or any style of form-fitting work-out pants.
- Please do not wear any apparel with inappropriate images or words.