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6th, 7th and 8th Grade
Head to Heart Confirmation 2008- 2009

Understanding the Role of the Guide

Here are some thoughts on the role of the Guide distilled from Faith Inkubators churches across the country. www.faithink.com

Facilitator: This suggests the Guide will arrange circumstances that encourage positive outcomes rather than control what happens.

Boss: The role of a boss is to control instead of facilitate. The Guide may be a boss at sometimes, but this is not a primary role.

Mentor: This is another word for Guide and suggests carefully leading others in positive directions by example.

Listener: Listening is a gift you will give each person in the group. It is a primary role for the Guide.

Nurturer/Caregiver: This is also a major role of the Guide. Youth appreciate Guides who nurture and care for them.

Expert: It is not the Guide's role to show expertise but rather to encourage group members to share their knowledge and information. You will be a fellow learner and discoverer.

Theologian: A theologian is a person who considers or studies God. You will **not** be expected to be a trained theologian or an expert but rather a fellow thinker and discoverer with other group members. (You may wish to invite the pastor to join your group to discuss theological issues.)

Buddy: The Guide should not be buddies with youth in their group. This is an inappropriate relationship. The Guide needs more authority than a buddy would have.

Friend / Advocate: The Guide will support and be a friend to group members regardless of their race, socioeconomic status, behavior or gender.

The Teacher: The Guide is more than a teacher. His or her role is one of listening to the Master Teacher along with the students, discussing and thinking about what has been taught and helping youth to draw conclusions or bring the teaching from the head to the heart.

Example / Role model: Youth learn best by example. (They will look to the Guide and especially the Jr. Guide as their role models.) Do not stand in the back during teaching sessions and visit with other Guides. All leaders will need to participate enthusiastically during the teaching, singing, skits, praying, serving and listening.

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 Yes, I want to be a Small Group Guide for this year!

Saturday, October 25th - 9th Grade Reception Team

Will help with the set up and serve coffee, punch, and cake for the Confirmation Service which begins at 4:00 p.m.

Will shop for the paper goods, tables cloths, flowers for the reception.

Will order and pick up the cake for the reception.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Family Expectations 2008!

- ❖ Parents are encouraged to come to the closing worship each Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- ❖ Parents are requested to **sign out** their student after worship. Thanks for your cooperation in helping us to comply with Safe Church procedures. If you will be carpooling, the designated driver may sign each student out.
- ❖ Please do not let your students bring any **cell phones** or electronic devices to class. They are very distracting and if kids need to call for any reason, there are plenty of phones to use in the church.
- ❖ Please call your student's **Guide** if you cannot make a class on Wednesday evening. If you are unable to contact the Guide, then you may leave a message at church. A list of the small groups and their guides will be given out on 9/17/08.
- ❖ Make Home Huddles a Healthy Habit this year!



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1. **Share** *Highs & Lows* each night
2. **Read** a verse from God's Word
3. **Talk** about how the verse relates to your *Highs & Lows*
4. **Pray** for your family *Highs & Lows* specifically
5. **Bless** one another before turning out the lights on the day

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