



Training Manual

*“Connecting Students to Jesus
and the Local Church”*

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Dear Gospel Advancing Partners,

Our nation, and certain Northern Virginia, is in desperate need of Jesus! Did you know that America is now the 4th most unreached nation in the world and that the over 67,000 middle school and high school campuses make up the largest mission field in our country? This means that you have the opportunity to be a missionary on the largest mission field in one of the most unreached countries in the world!

We believe that God is going to do amazing things through you and your friends as you reach your campus with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our role at Cutting EDGE Ministries is to provide you with training and resources that will help you influence other students towards a relationship with Jesus.

We have a VISION that **every student should hear the Gospel from another student on every campus**. Sharing the Gospel is so important!

If this is the first time you have connected with Cutting EDGE, we hope you find this manual to be an effective and helpful tool. Once you get through this manual, you should be ready to launch an EDGE Club at your school. What an incredible thing – Christian students uniting together on campus for the purpose of leading their non-Christian friends to Christ.

Everyone involved in the EDGE comes from various churches and backgrounds, but we have this in common: helping Christian students connect their friends to Jesus and a local church! Let us “strive together with one heart and mind for the faith of the Gospel,” (Philippians 1:27) so that we might bring the love of Christ to every student on every middle school and high school campus in our region.

May God bless you as you unit and connect with youth workers and students from across Northern Virginia to see YOUR friends and students coming to Jesus Christ!

Connecting student to Jesus and the local church,

The Cutting EDGE Ministries Staff

Overview

EDGE is an on-campus evangelistic ministry of the local church, initiated and led by students. These clubs are able to meet on campus under the guidelines of the Federal Equal Access Act of 1984. EDGE Clubs exist on a secondary school campus for the purpose of sharing the Gospel with every student on every campus. Youth workers are crossing denominational lines and forming strategic youth ministry partnerships to more effectively support students as missionaries to their school.

Mission

To connect students to Jesus and a local church.

Vision

To encourage, equip and empower Christian students to share the Gospel with every student on every secondary school in our community.

Statement of Faith

- We believe there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe Jesus Christ is true God and man. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, death as a substitute for man, bodily resurrection, ascension to the Father, intercessory work for believers and personal return in power.
- We believe God created man and woman and loves us. We fell from relationship with God through disobedience and we are in desperate need of salvation through faith in Jesus. Those who believe receive forgiveness and eternal life.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit who indwells believers in Christ and empowers them to live a godly life and testify of the Gospel with courage and confidence.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, a unity that is displayed through many congregations that are members of the Body of Christ.
- We believe the local Church is God's tool to equip believers in reaching the world with His love and truth.

Gospel Advancing Ministry

We desire to see students reach other students with the Gospel. As this begins to happen on campus the Kingdom of God will grow with new believers, teenagers will grow in their faith, and you will experience a renewed, refreshed passion for God and your youth ministry.

Values as a Gospel Advancing Ministry

1. **Intercessory prayer fuels it.** We need to talk to God about our friends before we talk to our friends about God. We need to pray for our club and the clubs on other campuses.
2. **Relational evangelism drives it.** While the end game is every student on every campus, the first steps in reaching that goal is students reaching their friends with the Gospel first.
3. **Leaders fully embrace and model it.** Our students will not go where we do not lead them ourselves. This value is embraced by our board, staff, youth leaders, coaches, and then our students.
4. **A disciple multiplying strategy guides it.** EDGE Clubs play this role, in part, as the entry point into our secondary schools. However, getting students connected to the local church is critical to making and multiplying disciples.
5. **A bold vision focuses it.** We know exactly what we are about: connecting students to Jesus and the local church so that every student on every campus is reached with the Gospel.
6. **Biblical outcomes measure it.** We track and measure several things, none more important than the number of first time decisions made by students and the number of students we get plugged into local churches.
7. **Ongoing programs reflect it.** Our 4-week cycle repeats throughout the year to sustain our mission and vision on each campus.

The Importance of Mission, Vision and Values

Our mission, vision, and values are important since they provide direction that keeps the whole team on track – everyone working together toward a common purpose. Our vision stretches us to strive for a God-sized outcome. Our values give us guidelines to help us work together in harmony to fulfill our mission.

Getting Started

You will need student leaders, a coach, a faculty sponsor and your principal's permission in order to launch your club. (See Appendix 17-19) Each club should reflect the personality and giftedness of the students who lead club meetings and the coach who guides them.

STUDENT LEADERS are students who are on fire for God and want to bring their friends at school to know Christ! Student Leaders will...

- Attend EDGE Club meetings and a local church/youth ministry
- Share the Gospel with their peers
- Invite and bring non-Christian friends to Encounter Week
- Lead other students to attend, share and invite.
- Meet with coach monthly for prayer and establishing plans for club meetings AND weekly after each meeting for evaluation, encouragement & equipping.
- Lead in the follow-up process for new believers/seekers
- Sign and turn in a student leader application and campus missionary covenant (See Appendix 22 &23)

COACHES are parents, college students, youth pastors, or youth volunteers who are passionate about reaching youth! Students need you mentoring to turn them into missionaries on their school campus. Coaches will...

- Meet with student leaders once a month to assist them in planning and preparing for the 4-week cycle of EDGE Club meetings
- Oversee weekly EDGE Club meetings and debrief each meeting with their student leaders
- Record and report date to the EDGE Club office
- Manage follow-up of students that attend for the first or second time AND students who make a decision to trust in Christ
- Complete, sign and submit the Coach's Application, Coach's Commitment, and Background Check forms.

FACULTY SPONSORS are teachers, administration, and coaches at school who volunteer to support your club and offer their classroom to meet in each week. Faculty Sponsors will...

- Attend EDGE Club meetings each week
- Make sure the EDGE Club meeting room is open on time each week.

Section One:

The EDGE Revolution

What is the EDGE Revolution

The EDGE Revolution is a 4-week cycle of campus club meetings. The purpose of each week is to...

EQUIP – Provide ongoing evangelism training for students so that we lay a foundation of how they can share the Gospel with their peers on a regular basis.

DEPLOY - Prepare students with a plan to reach their peers with the Gospel and to utilize the evangelism training they've received in doing that. They will develop a plan for the month that answers the questions:

- What 3 friends are you going to reach out to?
- When are you going to engage them in conversation?
- How will you bring the Gospel up? (or invite them to church or to club?)

GOSPEL STORIES - Celebrate what God is doing in the lives of our students as they engage their friends with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Students are encouraged to share their successes and struggles as they share the Gospel up, invite their friends to church or to club, etc. This can also be a time for students to share Scripture they've read or heard that encourages and inspires evangelism.

ENCOUNTER - Provide an opportunity for Christian students to invite and bring their non-Christian friends to hear a simple, creative Gospel presentation and respond to the love of the one, true, living God and encounter His love for them for the first time.



Weeks 1-3 of the Revolution are designed to send students out as missionaries on their campuses.

Week 4 is the opportunity for the Gospel to be presented and students are given the opportunity to put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

At the first meeting of your EDGE club, do not start with Week One (EQUIP Week). Start with casting the vision of EDGE, then follow-up with Week Two (DEPLOY Week) and continue the Revolution.

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Week 1 – EQUIP Week

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17
 “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!” 2 Cor. 13:5*

If we want students to relationally and relentlessly share the Gospel on their campuses we need to make sure we’ve been intentional to provide them the “how-to” to accomplish the mission and vision. EQUIP week is designed to provide our students with quality and effective evangelism training. These video-based resources can be found in the SHINE album our Vimeo channel: <https://vimeo.com/album/4894734>

Each EQUIP Week consists of a 10-15 minute training video, corresponding Bible passage, and discussion questions for both the video and Bible passage.

- Watch the video found on the Edge Club Vimeo channel.
- Talk through the discussion questions that pertain to the video.
- Have someone read the Bible passage for the week.
- Talk through the additional discussion questions that pertain to the passage.
- Brief review
- Prayer

Keep in mind that EQUIP Week can easily become another chore if your heart is not truly seeking God and desiring to live out the mission of connecting every student with Jesus and the local church. There are two things we want to encourage you to keep in mind:

1. Your club will build momentum as the school year goes on as each of the EQUIP Weeks builds on previous training sessions.
2. As with all good training, things will get most exciting when you faithful apply what you are learning.

See Appendix 26-29 for Planning Sheet, Life in 6 Words Curriculum Outline

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Week 2 – DEPLOY Week

“For we cannot stop declaring what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20

DEPLOY Week is designed to take the training and equipping our students are going through and put it into practice. Each student will develop a game plan for how they will live out being an everyday missionary on their campus. The outline for developing their plan is relative simply:

1. Identify 3 friends who need to hear the Gospel and/or need to belong to a local church.
2. Commit to a specific day, time and location for each friend that you are planning to share the Gospel with.
3. Talk through how you plan on bringing the Gospel up with each of your friends.

Once each student has developed their plan for being deployed on campus as an everyday missionary break into groups of 2-3 students and share your plans as well as any concerns you might have. Then spend time praying for:

- the 3 students - by name - that everyone wrote down
- opportunities to share the Gospel with them
- any fears or concerns that you shared with each other
- ask God to go before you and prepare the hearts and minds of those who need to hear the Gospel.

Have each student write the names of their 3 friends on a whiteboard if possible so that the entire club can see how many names you all will be praying for.

***See Appendix 30-32 for Planning Sheet, Testimony Guide,
G.O.S.P.E.L. Presentation Guide***

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Week 3 – GOSPEL STORIES Week

“For we cannot stop declaring what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20

GOSPEL STORIES Week is a celebration of what God is doing in your lives and on your campus as you share testimonies of how things went when you shared the Gospel with your friends and invited them to church. Even if things didn't go as you had hoped, it's still a celebration!

1. Student leaders should lead the way each GOSPEL STORIES Week by being the first students to share how things went as they followed through with the plans they developed during DEPLOY Week. They should be able to give an update on all 3 students that they wrote down on their plans from the previous week.
2. After the student leaders have shared their GOSPEL STORIES, all other students should share how things went for them. You can ask for volunteers, simply go around the room, or come up with a creative way to order the students to share their GOSPEL STORIES:
 - oldest to youngest
 - order in which they arrived to club
 - birthday month
 - etc.

The goal should be that every student is able to share at least one GOSPEL STORY from their previous week's effort, if not more.

REMINDER: The point isn't to put students on the spot or to make them feel bad if they haven't had a chance to start their Gospel conversations. We want every student to share how things are going for accountability and encouragement.

Student leaders and coaches, in many ways this week is intimidating. **DO NOT** abandon this week for fear that it will be a dud – Pray for God to WOW you – the biggest impact on other students is hearing from those who rely on God and trust Him!

See Appendix 33 for Planning Sheet

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Week 4 - ENCOUNTER Week

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.” Luke 19:10

ENCOUNTER Week is the climax of the EDGE Revolution! The purpose is to provide an opportunity for Christian students to invite and bring their non-Christian friends to hear a simple presentation of the Gospel and encounter the Living God.

Use a student, video, drama, or adult to clearly and creatively present the simple Gospel message. See website for approved list of speakers and special guests.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS ABOUT THIS WEEK

- Atmosphere is huge! Have Christian music playing before the meeting starts. Make sure food is setup as well.
- Make sure you have more than enough Response Cards and pens. Our cards are vital in order to do follow up. Give a Response Card to each person as they enter the door. It is important that they are personally welcomed with a smile before being handed the card. Encourage them to fill out the top half only (show them).
- The speaker, while concluding the message, will ask the students to bow their heads and lead the group in a Prayer of Salvation as a way of responding to the Gospel (this can be assigned to the Coach or Student Leader if preferred). After the prayer, ask each person to take their Response Card and check the appropriate box that indicates the decision they are making that day.
- Collect and go over the Response Cards after the meeting to find names of those who made a decision.
- Christ accepted these hearts. We should too. It is our responsibility to follow-up with each student. New Christians need to be plugged into a youth group/local church immediately to be disciples. You should also invite them to your next EDGE Club meeting so they can begin the journey of becoming a campus missionary with you.
- The top copy of the duplicate Response Cards should be mailed with your monthly report to the Cutting Edge Ministries Offices. The bottom copy should be given to the Student Leaders assigned with follow-up.

See Appendix 34-35 for Planning Sheet, Response Cards and Appendix 32 for G.O.S.P.E.L. Presentation Guide

Connecting with Local Churches

EDGE is about connecting students to Jesus and a local church. The job is not done until a new believer is connected to a disciple-making church where their long-term faith journey can begin.

1. **Immediately after ENCOUNTER Week all available student leaders should meet:**

- Sort through Response Cards (See Appendix 31) to look for students who indicated they prayed to receive Christ or have questions and would like to talk with someone.
- The coach will make follow-up assignments based upon:
 - a. Who has the best relationship with the person
 - b. The person who invited the new believer to the meeting
 - c. The church that the student indicated they attend
- **URGENT!** The Cutting EDGE office needs to receive this information immediately. It can be mailed, emailed, phoned, given to the field rep, or sent by carrier pigeon. Local church will be contacted by the Cutting EDGE office once we've received the information so they can follow up with them as well.

Follow-up should take place within 24 hours
of the student's making a decision:
The Sooner, the Better.

2. **Regularly remind the student leaders who are doing follow-up to:**

- express excitement about their decision
- invite new believers to your EDGE Club weekly meetings
- invite new believers to attend church and youth group gatherings with you that week
- encourage the new believer to continue attending their church if they already have one, and contact the Cutting EDGE office so that we may contact their pastor or youth pastor to help in the follow-up process.

Everyone is needed for the harvest we believe God is going to give!

He said to his disciples, "A large crop is in the fields,
but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge
of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in."

(Matthew 9:37-38 CEV)

Create the Right Atmosphere

Always be aware of the atmosphere - plan on friendliness and genuine enthusiasm, and pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of the students. As soon as someone enters the room to the final good-bye, everyone should feel welcome and accepted. *If the atmosphere is threatening, cold or unfriendly, the life-changing important message of Christ could be hindered.*

CHECK IT OUT:

- o Is there a smiling and welcoming face at each door?
- o Are the student leaders trying to make everyone feel included in the group and preventing cliques?
- o Is their enthusiasm and energy? (A portable sound system with upbeat Christian music playing can add positive energy to the room).
- o Is the Encounter Week program sensitive to those who do not know Jesus?
- o Are skits, videos, music, testimonies, and talks relevant and understandable by those who have **NEVER** been to a church or heard the gospel?
- o Is your room large enough? Expect God to do BIG things! You will never grow bigger than your room.

Collect Vital Information

Club Meeting Reports – Coaches will receive a weekly email from the Executive Director that will direct them to a short, online survey where they will enter the data that Cutting EDGE Ministries needs to collect from them.

EDGE Response Cards - EDGE Response Cards need to be given to the staff of Cutting EDGE Ministries each month.

NOTE: All response cards need to be turned in after your first Encounter Week. Only those cards of “first-timers” or individuals who make a decision need to be turned in thereafter, but having everyone fill one out at each Encounter week may make a new person feel more comfortable.

See Appendix 35-36 for Response Cards, Follow-up Assignments

Building the EDGE Community One Club at a Time

Check with the Cutting EDGE Office and/or website www.edgeclub.org for:

- event flyers
- games ideas
- guest speaker, drama, and musician lists
- training materials
- EDGE club logos and club art
- reproducible posters – advertising is extremely important, especially for Encounter week! Personal invitations are always the best, posters and other promotional items work great too!
- links to other great site and resources
- photo gallery – **send up photos from your clubs and events**
- ask any question – we might not know the answer, but we will find out.

Get Connected with Other EDGE Clubs

- attend EDGE club meetings at other schools in your area and get to know their leaders
- share ideas with other student leaders and coaches for club meetings
- attend YPNet for even more networking opportunities
- challenge other clubs to tournaments (capture the flag, ultimate Frisbee, flag football, etc.) on weekends and days off from school.
- meet at coffee houses, pottery places, parks, etc. to pray and hang out.

We are here for you in the Cutting EDGE Office 571-393-1844.

Section Two:

Appendix

All the forms you will need
to launch your EDGE Club



Cutting EDGE Ministries Approaching Your Principal

General Guidelines:

- Make an appointment. Principals are very busy people.
- Be very positive in your approach. Your attitude will set the tone of the meeting.
- Do not expect your principal to give an answer right away. Be prepared to schedule a follow-up appointment to hear the decision or to bring additional information requested.

What to take:

- The EDGE Club Charter (filled out)
- The EDGE Club Summary Sheet (filled out)
- Any notes of things you want to remember for your meeting

What to say:

“There is a group of students here who have a common concern for some of the issues facing many of our friends at school. We would like to help students deal with these problems (drugs, alcohol, sex, negative peer pressure) in a positive manner. Since our school already has clubs like (list some of the non-curriculum clubs), it would seem we would be able to have an inter-denominational Christian club, we would call it the EDGE, which would not promote any particular denomination. We would like to meet (give day, time, and place). Here is our Club charter and an information sheet with the names of students who would be in leadership. Mr./Mrs. _____ has volunteered to be our Faculty Sponsor.”

When Your Principal Says Yes:

- Send a “Thank-You” note. Gratitude is a rare and appreciated virtue.
- Thank God and begin to pray for The EDGE in your school. Pray for your teachers, administrators, student leaders and friends on a regular basis.
- Link up. Invite all of the Christian students you know to be a part of The EDGE.

If Your Principal Says No:

- Ask for some of the reasons why.
- **Contact** the staff of CEM to help support you in establishing your EDGE club.
- Pray for your school and the opportunity to begin a school recognized EDGE club.
- Establish an off-campus meeting at a neutral location (avoid a church). Try to meet before school in a location as close to your school as possible (e.g., a restaurant for a cheap breakfast, a community center, library, a home).
- Focus on serving the school in creative and meaningful ways.

If the problem continues, Cutting EDGE will help to secure your right to meet on campus.
Please AVOID making this a legal issue.



Cutting EDGE Ministries
EDGE Club Summary Sheet

School _____ Principal _____

Student Leaders

Grade

Church

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Meeting Day _____ **Meeting Time** _____

Meeting Place _____

Faculty Sponsor _____ **Position** _____

Primary Coach _____ **Church** _____

Assistant Coach _____ **Church** _____

*Please return a copy of summary sheet and club charter, to the Cutting EDGE Office
Cutting EDGE Ministries, 14701 Lee Highway #204, Centreville, VA 20121*



Cutting EDGE Ministries
Club Charter

We the students of _____ seek to...

- I. Create a Christian youth club for all denominations on our campus in order to encourage each other in our commitment to Jesus Christ.
- II. Create a base for positive Christian influence and opportunities of Christian service on our campus.
- III. Have a time of inspiration, motivation, prayer and/or Bible study.
- IV. Help plan, promote and present programs and events that proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to our fellow students.

Additional Stipulations...

- V. Everyone is welcome to attend and join.
- VI. The EDGE will meet weekly before or after school or during a non-instructional time agreed upon by the school administration.

Date

Please return a copy of summary sheet and club charter, to the Cutting EDGE Office
Cutting EDGE Ministries, 14701 Lee Highway #204, Centreville, VA 20121



Cutting EDGE Ministries
Coach's Commitment

One-Sentence Win:

Equipping student leaders to lead and facilitate their campus' EDGE club in accomplishing the goal of every student hearing the Gospel so that they have the opportunity to believe in Jesus Christ and belong to a local church.

Expectations:

- Meet with the student leaders of your campus (at least once a month for an hour) to assist them in planning and preparing for the 4-week cycle of their EDGE Club meetings.
- Oversee the weekly on-campus EDGE Club meeting and debrief each meeting with the student leaders for 5-10 minutes immediately following dismissal.
- Record and report data to the Executive Director at least once a month including (but not limited to): number of salvations, attendance, number of new students connected to a local church, etc.
- Manage follow-up (personally or preferably delegate to student leaders and personal friends) of students who have made a first-time decision to trust in Jesus Christ, indicated a desire to get connected to a local church, and/or visited EDGE Club for the first time.
- Participate in our annual fundraising and vision-casting banquet.

Coach // Date

Executive Director // Date

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”
Colossians 3:23



Cutting EDGE Ministries
Permission to Obtain Background Check

(This form authorizes the Cutting Edge Ministries to obtain background information and must be completed by the applicant. We must keep this completed form on file for at least five years after requesting a background check.)

In the interest of safety and security I, the undersigned applicant (also known as “consumer”), authorize Cutting Edge Ministries through its independent contractor, LexisNexis, to procure background information (also known as a “consumer report and/or investigative consumer report”) about me, prior to, and at any time during, my service to the organization. This report may include my driving history, including any traffic citations; a social security number verification; present and former addresses; criminal and civil history/records; and the state sex offender records.

I understand that I am entitled to a complete copy of any background information report of which I am the subject upon my request to Cutting Edge Ministries, if such is made within a reasonable time from the date it was produced. I also understand that I may receive a written summary of my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Identifying Information for Background Information Agency
(also known as “Consumer Reporting Agency”)

Print Name:

First

Middle

Last

Other Names Used (alias, maiden, nickname): _____

Current Address: _____

Dates Street /P. O. Box City State Zip Code County

Former Address: _____

Dates Street /P. O. Box City State Zip Code County

Social Security Number: _____ Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Driver’s License Number: _____ State of Issuance: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____

Coach Application

Date of Application _____

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell: _____

School name _____

During which day and time are you planning to host your EDGE Club? M / T / W / TH / F

Time: _____

How long have you been a Christian? _____

Which Church do you attend? _____

I agree to the EDGE Club Statement of Faith: Yes / No If No, please explain:

Please share your testimony (you may use the back of this sheet of paper if necessary)

Previous Volunteer Experience (indicate the type of involvement, length of commitment and areas of service)

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions or other misrepresentations made by me on the application may result in my immediate dismissal.

I have received the Edge Club Manual and commit to following the guidelines for coaching an Edge Club.

Name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail (Cutting EDGE Ministries, 14701 Lee Highway #204, Centreville, VA 20121) both pages of this application for completion of a background check. If you are uncomfortable putting this in the mail, please call our office to make arrangements for a staff member to pick it up for you. (571-393-1844)



Cutting EDGE Ministries
Student Leader Application

(Please Print)

School: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Home or Cell
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Facebook: _____

Youth Pastor: _____

Church: _____

Teacher Sponsor: _____ Coach: _____

Your Commitment Includes Being:

- Faithful to Jesus and His Commands
- Available to serve your peers
- Teachable in attitude
- Part of a church
- Living Out the 4 Covenants of a Campus Missionary
- At leadership team meetings regularly

Please answer questions on back of page.

Please summarize how you started a relationship with God and what Jesus has done for you.

Why do you want to be part of the Leadership Team?

What other school activities are you involved in?

Please return copy to Edge Office.



Cutting EDGE Ministries
4 Covenants of a Campus Missionary

These covenants will help you to keep your EDGE so that God can work in and through you! Please ask your youth leader to encourage and pray for you by signing the bottom of this form.

Covenant #1: Pray for Your School

- Believing that God calls me to pray for my generation, I will daily commit to cry out to God for revival between student "Christ followers" and spiritual awakening on my campus.
"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." (James 5:16)

Covenant #2: Live the Life 24/7

- People don't care how much you know until they see how much you care. By living out the Gospel of truth and love we can verbally share the good news.
- Believing that God calls me to be His witness, I will depend upon His power and grace to live out a life modeled after my Master and Savior Jesus Christ.

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Covenant #3: Get Together With The EDGE Regularly

- Our unity is God's design for the church and a sign to the world of the reality of Jesus. The church must move beyond the barriers that divide us, like race and denomination, and unite as the Body of Christ on campus.
- Believing that God calls Christians to be one, I will unite with the Body of Christ on campus around the person of Jesus Christ and the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission given in Matthew 28:18-20.

"I do not ask that on behalf of these alone, but those also who believe in me through their word; that they may be one, even as Thou, Father, are in Me, ...that the world may believe that Thou did send me." (John 17:20-21)

Covenant #4: Get Connected to Church

- Believing that I am a missionary for Jesus, I will promote the cause of Christ by giving to, praying for and even joining, if called, my local church's missionary effort.

"...You shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

My Signature: _____

My Name (printed): _____

My Church: _____

Youth Leader's Signature: _____



Cutting EDGE Ministries
EQUIP Week Planning Sheet

Date _____ Meeting Team Leader: _____

Are you ready for EQUIP week?

- Music and snacks
- Prayer – opening and closing
- Access to the EDGE Club Vimeo channel (video & audio capabilities)
- Printed off discussion guide for student leaders
- EDGE announcements (begin promoting Encounter week now)
- Other – games, worship, snacks, etc.

Sample program

Pre-program music playing	Jill	5 min before meeting starts
Welcome & Prayer	Bill	2 min
Show SHINE Video	Jenny	15 min
Discussion Guide	Jack	15 min
Pray in groups	Bill	5 min
EDGE announcements	Brenda	2 min
Closing prayer	Melissa	1 min

Plan your EQUIP Week:

Component	Student	Materials Needed
Pre-program music	_____	_____
Welcome & Prayer	_____	_____
Show Li6W Video	_____	_____
Discussion Leader	_____	_____
Pray in groups	_____	_____
Announcements	_____	_____
Closing Prayer	_____	_____



Cutting EDGE Ministries
EQUIP Week “Life in 6 Words” Curriculum Outline

Week 1 – GOD

1. Open in Prayer
2. Show the Life in 6 Words Video <https://vimeo.com/248354158/901d32ff21>
3. Opening Questions
 - a. What are some of the different views about what God is like?
 - b. Why do you think there are so many different views of God?
4. Show Session 1 – GOD: <https://vimeo.com/248354067/95630474ee>
5. Read John 1:1-4, Psalms 100:3
6. Discussion Questions
 - a. Based on the video and Bible passages, what are some truths we need to understand about God and His love for us?
 - b. When we share the Gospel, why do you think it’s important for people to know that, “God created us to have a relationship with Him.”?
7. Break into pairs and practice the G.O.S.P.E.L. acronym.
8. Closing Prayer

Week 2 – OUR

1. Open in Prayer
2. Show the Life in 6 Words Video <https://vimeo.com/248354158/901d32ff21>
3. Opening Questions
 - a. Are people generally good or bad?
 - b. Do you agree with the idea that evil seems to have infected human nature?
 - c. In your opinion, where do you think evil comes from?
4. Show Session 2 – OUR: <https://vimeo.com/248354070/51adceeac6>
5. Read Romans 5:12, Romans 3:23
6. Discussion Questions
 - a. What’s your reaction to Prop’s line in the video where he says, “You participated in the mutiny?”
 - b. Based on the video and Bible passages, what are some truths we need to understand about the sin in our lives?
 - c. When we share the Gospel, why do you think it’s important for people to know that, “Our sins separate us from God.”?
7. Break into pairs and practice the G.O.S.P.E.L. acronym.
8. Closing Prayer

Week 3 – SINS

1. Open in Prayer
2. Show the Life in 6 Words Video <https://vimeo.com/248354158/901d32ff21>
3. Opening Questions
 - a. What does it take to get to heaven?
 - b. If we try really hard, can we be good enough to earn our way?
4. Show Session 3 – SINS: <https://vimeo.com/248354140/e7f63d0d60>
5. Read Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:10-12, Ephesians 2:8-9
6. Discussion Questions
 - a. What do you think of Prop’s line in the video, “it’s like spraying cologne on a corpse?” How does that make you feel about your good deeds and efforts?
 - b. Based on the video and Bible passages, what are some truths we need to understand about trying to fix our sins on our own?
 - c. When we share the Gospel, why do you think it’s important for people to know that, “Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.”?
7. Break into pairs and practice the G.O.S.P.E.L. acronym.
8. Closing Prayer

Week 4 – PAYING

1. Open in Prayer
2. Show the Life in 6 Words Video <https://vimeo.com/248354158/901d32ff21>
3. Opening Questions
 - a. Have you ever considered that there is a price for sins? Why or why not?
 - b. If you were to assign a monetary value to the sins you commit, what do you think it should cost to pay for them? Lying? Stealing? Cheating?
4. Show Session 4 – PAYING: <https://vimeo.com/248354142/98435cb99f>
5. Read Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 9:22, 1 John 4:10
6. Discussion Questions
 - a. Based on the video and Bible passages, what are some truths we need to understand about Jesus paying the price for our sins?
 - b. Why is the resurrection so important in regards to the payment of our sins?
 - c. When we share the Gospel, why do you think it’s important for people to know that, “Paying the price for our sins, Jesus died and rose again.”?
7. Break into pairs and practice the G.O.S.P.E.L. acronym.
8. Closing Prayer

Week 5 – EVERYONE

1. Open in Prayer
2. Show the Life in 6 Words Video <https://vimeo.com/248354158/901d32ff21>
3. Opening Questions
 - a. What are some things that people try to add to the Gospel?
 - b. Why do you think that it is so hard for people to accept the simplicity of the Gospel message: faith alone in Christ alone?
4. Show Session 1 – EVERYONE: <https://vimeo.com/248354148/b24758afff>

5. Read John 3:16-18, Romans 10:9-10
6. Discussion Questions
 - a. Based on the video and Bible passages, what are some truths we need to understand about what it takes to be saved?
 - b. When we share the Gospel, why do you think it's important for people to know that, "Everyone who trusts in Him and Him alone receives eternal life."?
7. Break into pairs and practice the G.O.S.P.E.L. acronym.
8. Closing Prayer

Week 6 – LIFE

1. Open in Prayer
2. Show the Life in 6 Words Video <https://vimeo.com/248354158/901d32ff21>
3. Opening Questions
 - a. When you think of eternal life in heaven, do you think more along the lines of boring, big party, or something in between? Why?
 - b. When do you think life with Jesus starts? (the moment you believe, when you reach a certain age, when you die and go to heaven, etc.)
4. Show Session 6 – LIFE: <https://vimeo.com/248354151/ed6f774d68>
5. Read John 5:24, John 17:3, John 10:10
6. Discussion Questions
 - a. Based on the video and Bible passages, what are some truths we need to understand about the life Jesus desires for us to live?
 - b. When we share the Gospel, why do you think it's important for people to know that, "Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever."?
7. Break into pairs and practice the G.O.S.P.E.L. acronym.
8. Closing Prayer



Cutting EDGE Ministries
DEPLOY Week Planning Sheet

Date _____ Meeting Team Leader: _____

Are you ready for DEPLOY week?

- Music and snacks
- Prayer – opening and closing
- Guide for DEPLOY Action Plan
- EDGE announcements (continue promoting Encounter week)
- Other – games, worship, snacks, etc.

Sample Program

Pre-program music playing	Mike	5 min before meeting
Welcome & Prayer	John	2 min
EDGE announcements	Luke	3 min
DEPLOY Action Plan in Small Groups	Joe	20 min
Prayer Time in Small Groups	Hannah	10 min
Write all of the names shared on a white board		5 min
Closing prayer for Encounter Week	Vickie	5 min

Plan your DEPLOY Week:

Component	Student	Materials Needed
Pre-program music	_____	_____
Welcome & Prayer	_____	_____
Announcements	_____	_____
DEPLOY Action Plan	_____	_____
Group Prayer Time	_____	_____
Closing Prayer	_____	_____



Cutting EDGE Ministries
Testimony Guide

We each have a unique story!

You may find these questions helpful in learning and communicating your testimony:

Describe the Situation in which you came to know Jesus Christ. How did you realize your need for Him?

How is your life different because of your relationship with Jesus Christ?

How has your relationship with Jesus Christ made an impact on your family and friends?

How do you feel God can or is using you in the lives of your friends and family?

How has your relationship with God influenced the way you make decisions about what is right and wrong?

Who has God used in your life to keep you focused on following Jesus?

How has having committed Christian friends and family affected your daily walk with Jesus?

***How will God use your testimony
in the lives of students in YOUR school?***



Cutting EDGE Ministries
Gospel Presentation Guide

“Welcome to (your club name). My name is (your name). I want to take a few minutes to tell you about the most important decision I have ever made.”

GOD loves you and created you to have a relationship with Him.

OUR sins separate us from the God who loves us.

SINS cannot be removed by good deeds.

PAYING the prices for our sins (death), Jesus died and rose again.

EVERYONE who trusts in Him and Him alone receives eternal life and your sins are forgiven.

LIFE with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

As you share the GOSPEL message, be sure to insert how this has personally impacted your life. You can talk about

- how amazing it was to learn about the God who loves you
- what it felt like to learn that God wants to have a relationship with you
- the weight of sin in your life
- feeling like something was wrong because you were living in rebellion to God
- understanding that no matter what you did on your own it never fixed the problem
- the relief in realizing that God loves you so much that He sent His Son Jesus for you
- the freedom you felt the moment you believed Jesus Christ and how that made you feel
- the transformation that has happened in your life since the moment that you believed
- how you are able to get through hard times in life now that you have Jesus

You don't need to use all of these ideas when sharing the Gospel, but incorporating a few of these into your GOSPEL presentation makes it that much more personable.

Once you have shared the GOSPEL, let the person(s) you are sharing with know responding to this message is relatively simple: repent & believe.

REPENT: Repent means to “change your mind.” It's the realization that living in rebellion against God is sinful and you desire to be restored to your relationship with Him.

BELIEVE: Believe in Jesus Christ as His death and resurrection. Scripture tells us that if we “confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved.”

If it's helpful, you can lead new believing students in a prayer like this:

“Dear Jesus, I believe in You...I admit that I have messed up...I realize that my sins separates me from you...Thank you for paying the penalty for all of my mistakes...By dying on the cross and raising to life again...Because of who you are and what you did...God forgives me...I want to follow you and become more like You....I want to be obedient to You...I don't want to keep on living in sin...Thank You for loving me...Thank You for giving me the free gift of eternal life...Amen.”



Cutting EDGE Ministries
 GOSPEL STORIES Week Planning Sheet

Date _____ Meeting Team Leader: _____

Are you ready for GOSPELS STORIES week?

- Music and snacks
- Prayer – opening and closing
- Student Leaders that will share stories
- Strategy for determining order of student stories
- EDGE announcements (final push for Encounter week – who will you invite?)
- Other - games, worship, snacks, etc.

Sample program

Pre-program music playing	John	5 min before meeting
Welcome & Prayer	Mike	2 min
Student Leader Testimonies	Jim & Co.	10 min
Order of Student Testimonies	Mike	3 min
Student Testimonies	Mike	10 min
EDGE announcements	Lisa	3 min
Prayer	Brenda	2 min

Plan your GOSPEL STORIES Week:

Component	Student	Materials Needed
Pre-program music	_____	_____
Welcome & Prayer	_____	_____
Student Leader Stories	_____	_____
Order of Student Stories	_____	_____
Student Stories	_____	_____
Announcements	_____	_____
Closing Prayer	_____	_____



Cutting EDGE Ministries
ENCOUNTER Week Planning Sheet

Date _____ Meeting Team Leader: _____

Are you ready for ENCOUNTER week?

- Music and snacks
- Prayer – opening and closing
- Response Cards, pens/pencils
- Speaker to present the Gospel in a creative and relevant way (call the week before to confirm)
- EDGE announcements
- Other – games, worship, snacks, etc.

Sample program

Pre-Program music playing	Joe	5 min before start
Snacks	Kristen	5 min before start
Welcome & Prayer	Libby	2 min
Skit/Video/Special Music	Sara & Co.	5 min
Message	Steve Speaker	15 min
Invitation & Prayer	Coach	3 min
Response Cards	Jon	2 min
Drawing & Dismiss	Jon	2 min
Follow-up Planning	Student Leaders	5 min immediately following

Plan your ENCOUNTER Week:

Component	Student	Materials Needed
Pre-program music	_____	_____
Welcome & Prayer	_____	_____
Skit/Video/Special Music	_____	_____
Gospel Message	_____	_____
Invitation	_____	_____
Response Cards	_____	_____
Follow Up Planning	_____	_____



Cutting EDGE Ministries Response Card

Name _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Email _____

Phone _____

School _____

Grade _____ Birthday _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

What church do you attend? _____

Who invited you to attend the EDGE? _____

**DO NOT FILL THIS SECTION
OUT UNTIL INSTRUCTED**

- Today I put my faith and trust in Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord.
- I have questions about Christianity and a relationship with Jesus that I would like to discuss.
- Today I rededicated my life to Jesus and am surrendering my life to daily follow Jesus.

I have a prayer request



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Cutting EDGE Ministries
Follow Up Assignments

(Student Leader)

Thank you for being a part of the follow-up process. What you are doing is one of the most important things you can do for this individual. Please let God use you in this person's life to help them grow spiritually. Your friend's information is as follows:

Name

Address

Phone _____ **E-Mail**

Grade _____ **Invited to the EDGE by**

**Church
Preference**

Your responsibilities for direct follow-up with your friend should include:

1. Ask them to share with you the nature of their decision they made today.
2. Express excitement about their decision! Reinforce the fact that God has heard them and that He is faithful to help them follow through in their decision.
3. Make sure they have a Bible in a translation they can understand (The New International Version or New Living Translation is recommended)
4. Invite them to be a part of your/or an appropriate E-Group this week
5. Invite them to attend church and youth meetings with you this week or to continue attending their own church if they already have one
6. Pray with and for them on the phone/in person.

Follow-up should take place within 24 hours of the student's making a decision.

The quicker the better.
Plan on calling your friend tonight for encouragement and
answering any questions they might have.

Thanks once again for letting God use you in this person's life!



Cutting EDGE Ministries
Student Bill of Rights On a Public School Campus

I. The Right to Meet with Other Religious Students.

The Equal Access Act allows students the freedom to meet on campus for the purpose of discussing religious issues *if other non-curricular clubs meet on campus.*

II. The Right to Identify Your Religious Beliefs Through Signs and Symbols.

Students are free to express their religious beliefs through signs and symbols.

III. The Right to Talk About Your Religious Beliefs on Campus.

Freedom of speech is a fundamental right mandated in the Constitution and does not exclude the school campus.

IV. The Right to Distribute Religious Literature on Campus.

Distributing literature on campus may not be restricted simply because it is religious.

V. The Right to Pray on Campus.

Students may pray alone or with others so long as it does not disrupt school activities or is not forced on others.

VI. The Right to Carry or Study Your Bible on Campus.

The Supreme Court has said that only state directed Bible reading is unconstitutional.

VII. The Right to do Research Papers, Speeches, and Creative Projects with Religious Themes.

The first amendment does not forbid all mention of religion in public schools.

VIII. The Right to be Exempt.

Students may be exempt from activities and class content that contradict their religious beliefs.

IX. The Right to Celebrate or Study Religious Holidays on Campus.

Music, art, literature, and drama that have religious themes are permitted as part of the curriculum for school activities if presented in an objective manner as a traditional part of the cultural and religious heritage of the particular holiday.

X. The Right to Meet with School Officials.

The first amendment to the Constitution forbids Congress to make any law that would restrict the right of the people to petition the Government (school officials.)