



YOU ARE INVITED TO...

**CONNECT**

**For Students  
in 6–8<sup>th</sup> grade**

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1 TIMOTHY 4:12 – LET'S GET REAL!

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**BRIDGE OF HOPE CRC**

IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS OR ARE  
INTERESTED, CONTACT KIRA OUWINGA AT  
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CONNECT AT BRIDGE OF HOPE EXISTS TO  
*EMPOWER* STUDENTS TO BE DEEPLY  
ROOTED IN CHRIST, *ENCOURAGE* FRUITFUL  
AND MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
ONE ANOTHER, AND *EMBOLDEN* STUDENTS  
TO LOVE AND SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY.

### **MAIN BUILDING BLOCKS:**

- **CONNECT GROUPS:** WE WILL GATHER TOGETHER 2 SUNDAY NIGHTS EACH MONTH (TYPICALLY THE 2ND AND 4TH) FOR OUR LARGE GROUP/SMALL GROUP TIMES FROM 7:00-8:30 PM AT THE BRIDGE OF HOPE MINISTRY CENTER. EACH OF THESE NIGHTS WILL BE STRUCTURED VERY SIMILARLY, STARTING WITH SOME DOWN TIME TO CONNECT WITH EVERYONE, FLOWING INTO OUR 15-20 MINUTES OF LARGE GROUP TIME, ENDING WITH ROUGHLY 30 MINUTES OF SMALL GROUP TIME (WHICH WE CALL OUR SMALL GROUPS). THESE GROUPS ARE BROKEN UP BY AGE AND GENDER WITH AT LEAST ONE SMALL GROUP LEADER WALKING ALONGSIDE EACH GROUP.
- **CONNECT EVENTS:** AT LEAST ONCE EACH MONTH WE WILL GET TOGETHER WITH OUR UNITE GROUP TO BE YOUNG, WILD, AND FREE OUT IN THE WORLD. KIDDING (WELL ONLY KINDA KIDDING). EACH MONTH WE HOPE TO HAVE A FUN EVENT THAT WILL HELP US TO BUILD COMMUNITY WITHIN OUR GROUP. THESE EVENTS WILL VARY FROM “GOING OUT” TO PLACES LIKE SIOUX CITY OR SIOUX FALLS, TO “STAYING IN” AT THE MINISTRY CENTER.
- **SMALL GROUP NIGHT:** THIS WILL BE AN INFORMAL TIME THAT IS SCHEDULED BY EACH GROUPS’ SMALL GROUP LEADER TO DO FUN THINGS WITH JUST THEIR GROUP, HAPPENING ROUGHLY ONCE EACH SEMESTER. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE SMALL GROUP LEADERS TO MEET WITH STUDENTS ON THE RANDOM- ATTENDING EVENTS, CHATTING OVER COFFEE, AND POURING OUT INTO INTENTIONALLY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR STUDENTS.
- **SERVICE COMPONENT:** EACH SEMESTER THERE WILL BE A SERVICE PROJECT THAT OUR CONNECT GROUP WILL PARTICIPATE IN. OUR GOAL IS TO REFLECT WHAT PROPER CHRIST-LIKE SERVICE AND HUMILITY LOOKS LIKE WHEN IT COMES TO SERVING BOTH PEOPLE IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY AND WHEN REACHING OUTSIDE THE MARGINS OF SIOUX CENTER. WE STRIVE TO BE A GROUP THAT EMBOLDENS STUDENTS TO LOVE AND SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY!