

# **How to Share God**

## **Be Real and Authentic**

- Share your own spiritual struggles and/or challenges (without too many details).
- Share how God is working in your life currently or in the past.

## **Pray for Your Student**

- Pray for God's timing and agenda.
- Pray that you will fully surrender to God's plan for your student (get yourself out of the way).
- Consistently pray for God's clear direction with the student.
- Ask your student how you can pray, and pray with your mentee if he or she is comfortable with you doing that.

## **Unconditionally Accept Your Student**

- Focus on progress (even if it seems small). It's too easy to focus on the negative.
- Have realistic expectations of your student (remember where you were at that age).
- Help your student to feel valued and loved (not judged).
- Don't compare your student to other mentors' students.

## **Know Your Youth Ministry's Opportunities and Programs**

- Talk with a staff member about helping your student get "plugged in."
- Be willing to attend various youth ministry functions with your student (examples: weekend worship services, summer camp, mission trip, and so on).
- Know the calendar of events for the youth ministry and encourage your student to participate.
- Work together with the youth ministry staff and volunteers who know your student.

## **Talk to Your Student About His/Her Relationship with God**

- Ask your student questions
- Don't be afraid to be direct.

## **Share Your Favorite Verse or Bible Story Pertaining to Your Student's Needs**

- Make sure your student has a Bible.
- Teach him/her how to look up verses.
- Teach your student how to apply Scripture to his/her life.