

## THINGS WE DID RIGHT WHEN SOMEONE DIES

1. Respond immediately – call youth workers
2. Cancelled Schedule
3. Sent everyone to the church
  - Provide Space (homes/church)
  - When someone dies, people want to be together
4. Give Direction
  - Not philosophical or theological answers (ex: “Let’s pray”, being too wordy because it is quiet)
5. Be aware of your own grief
  - Open up and share that grief with your spouse; and no one else
  - Make sure you have real accountability in your life
  - Be careful because you are hurting
6. If you know someone who is going through this:
  - Call, send a note, check on them, go by their house, pray
7. Listen to the Holy Spirit
  - Believe His Word when faith is struggling
  - Psalms 77
  - God can handle the situation
8. Protect your people
  - No statements
9. Seek advice & wise counsel from other people God has placed in your life
  - Tackle it as a team
  - Don’t cowboy it!
10. Friends & Family
  - Moms and Dads, kids
11. Submit to your Pastor
  - Set your pastor up
  - Make him look good
  - Be a servant, don’t try to take the spotlight
  - Make sure your pastor knows