



# Student Ministry Cell Phone Policy

## **Purpose**

To set expectations on cell phone use during our Ground Zero and Revolution ministry times. To give guidelines that help students and volunteers understand when and where cell phone use is appropriate during Ground Zero and Revolution.

## **What is appropriate for Ground Zero?**

We know that most students have a cell phone for communicating with the parents but it can also be a distraction during our small group and large group times. Cell phone use is not allowed by students during either of those times and should be kept in their pockets, bags or purses during both small group and large group. We do allow them to use it during hang time however.

During certain times of the year or at certain events, we will encourage the students to use their phones and social media to capture images and tag us on them. This is the exception, not the rule. We will be very intentional about communicating these times with them. During retreats, especially, we think it is important to be present at the retreat and not be communicating with those that are not there. We ask that the students unplug as much as possible and encourage them to engage with those around rather than on their phone.

## **What is appropriate for Revolution?**

Cell phones are allowed during Revolution in both small and large group settings. This is not a free reign to using their phones as they want but the purpose is to allow the Revolution student to dive deeper into the study or discussion by pulling up the bible app on their phone. It is encouraged that they take notes and can use their phones to do so.

Again, we are intentional about cell phone pictures and posts during special events during the year and Revolution students are encouraged to participate in those challenges. Retreats are still times to unplug and be present with those around and we ask that cell phone use is at a minimum during those times. We do, however, continue to allow them to use them throughout retreats and mission trips.

## **What is appropriate for Student Ministry volunteers?**

Like a lot of our guidelines, we are not going to limit volunteers to what or when they can use their phones. We ask that they limit it during small group and large group time so that they can lead by example. If they are using their phones during the service, we ask that it be intentional use focused on the message, the topics, or the Bible verses being presented. We encourage volunteers to take pictures at specific times and also throughout the year and post to their social media accounts. We do ask that they make sure that Eagle Brook's social media policy is being followed.