



# Dealing with Students in Crisis

| drinking | cutting | suicide | pornography | pregnancy | running away | divorce | sex |  
| eating disorders | depression | abuse | loss of loved one |

- **Call a staff member first...** We want to help you determine the next course of action. It is better to process and pray about the situation with more than one person.
- **Seek to give Godly Biblical counsel...** We believe that God's grace is sufficient in all circumstances. Always point students toward God's word.
- **Determine if parent involvement is necessary...** Different issues warrant different levels of parent involvement. If the issue is suicide, we **always** tell a parent. If the issue is (for instance) pornography or possibly drinking, we will address this on a case by case basis. Remember, we are ultimately partners with parents.
- **Continue to make yourself available...** The "ministry of presence" means that we are there to listen and to serve our students. This is why we have cell group leaders! You know your students best!
- **Determine who a student needs to meet regularly with...** Do they need an accountability group of students? Do they need a weekly mentor? Do they need professional counseling? Do they need to attend Fellowship's adolescent Celebrate Recovery?

