



Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

Vision

The Journey Students Leadership Team exists to engage students in the process of **knowing** and **loving Christ**.



Leadership is a choice, and I hope it is something you will consider choosing. Leadership is NOT just for the outgoing people, or the popular people, or the funniest people. Leadership is NOT an event on a calendar or a new program to fill a student's already overbooked schedule. Leadership is a commitment.

The thing about commitments - at least the commitments that really matter - is that they are sometimes hard to keep. Sometimes a commitment in one area requires a sacrifice in another area. But isn't it in those seasons of tension and perseverance that we grow deeper and more mature than if we never tried? Sometimes it is within the context of these choices that we find out who we really are and who God wants us to become.

I will be expecting a lot of the JS Leadership Team and this commitment may not be for everyone, but if you're still reading this then I can only assume that you're willing to find out if it is right for you. Joining the JS Leadership Team may be the next best step in your walk to follow Jesus.

Still interested? Then keep reading. I hope you will seriously consider the choice to be a leader.

Blessings,

Luke Holder
Associate Student Director



What is LEADERSHIP?

Leadership is more than just showing up to events. Leadership is a commitment to be a leader, and a commitment to *serve*.

John Maxwell, a famous leadership trainer, says, "Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life *influencing* another."

There is this really great story in the Bible where two of Jesus' disciples, who were brothers, actually got their momma to ask for special leadership positions with Jesus for them. Could you imagine how oddly frustrating that would be for Jesus? After some back and forth, Jesus described leadership this way,

"But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you *must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave*, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

-Matthew 20:25-28

The kind of leadership we're talking about is a little different than what the rest of the world might call leadership. We're looking for the kind of leadership Jesus was looking for. We're looking for the kind of leadership that is a beautiful combination of *servicing* and *influencing*.

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Timeline & Makeup of the JS Leadership Team

The JS Leadership Team is a 12-month commitment. Applications will be accepted each spring to serve June through May. At that time, a new JS Leadership Team will be formed. A member from one year CAN be a member in the following year. However, the position is not guaranteed and the student will need to go through the application process each year.

The JS Leadership Team will consist of students in 7th-12th grade to work hand in hand with the Student Pastor and Student Ministry Team to help plan events, social media, training sessions, sermon series ideas, leadership development, etc.

We will have times during each meeting where middle school and high school will split and have their own planning meeting to talk through what works on the middle school and high school levels. JS Small Group Leaders will also be a part of some meetings to brainstorm small group ideas together with the JS Leadership Team.

Qualifications & Expectations of the JS Leadership Team

It is our desire to “let you know what you’re getting into,” so to speak. We want to be completely up front with what will be expected from each member of the JS Leadership Team. Please take these expectations seriously...because we do.

Each member of the JS Leadership Team will be expected to:

- Participate in a rotating weekly service team on Wednesday nights at Journey Students (Worship Team, Tech Team or Check-In Team)
 - Attend JS Leadership Team meetings during the summer (6/12, 6/26, 7/17 & 7/31) from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Attend semimonthly JS Leadership Team meetings on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month (August-May) from 1pm-2pm
- Maintain at least 75% attendance on Wednesday nights at Journey Students (If attendance drops below 75% for 2 consecutive months a reevaluation will be made on your current availability to be committed to this team.)
 - Provide critical feedback to JS leadership (i.e. if there is a problem, speak up!)
 - Serve in other areas of the church (JourneyLand or Connections Team)
 - Remain in good standing with the Journey Students for the full 12-month commitment

Commitments of an JS Leadership Team member

If the above are firm expectations we use to measure success within the JS Leadership Team, then the following is a list of commitments we are asking each member to choose and to be stretched by. Remember, we said at the beginning that leadership was a commitment more than an inherent character trait. Therefore, leadership is less about who you are and more about who you are becoming.

Each member of the JS Leadership Team is committed to:

- GROWING to be more like Jesus
- DISCOVERING his/her ministry and giftedness
- CONNECTING with other followers of Jesus in meaningful relationships
 - REACHING unbelieving friends with the hope found in Jesus
 - HONORING God with his/her choices and attitude
 - SPEAKING up fearlessly when silence is easier
 - STICKING it out even when it gets hard



If you are ready to take that next step in joining the Journey Students Leadership Team, please sign below:

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

