

YOUTH MINISTRY

LEADING & DISCIPLING STUDENTS



Listowel Evangelical Missionary Church

Our mission is to lead students
in a growing, passionate
relationship with Jesus.



A GUIDE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS ◆◆

OUR GOAL...

BECOMING LIKE JESUS

Jesus demonstrated a life that was marked by

UP, IN and **OUT**.

Luke 6:12-19

UP

IN

OUT

↑↑↑ **UP** ↑↑↑

WITH GOD

John 15:1-5

We seek to pursue God and grow in our love for Jesus. Listen to Him, trust Him and obey what He says

»»» **IN** «««

WITH EACH OTHER

Acts 2:46

We pray together, share in each others burdens and forgive, learning to love one another in a deeper way.

««« **OUT** »»»

INTO THE COMMUNITY

Luke 9:1-2

We bless others and invite them to follow Jesus! We strive to share the love and Truth of Jesus Christ with those around us.

REFLECT: Are you growing in these areas in your own personal faith life?

LEMC YOUTH LEADERS ARE...

PEOPLE WITH PURPOSE

HERE FOR JESUS

Leaders set the tone for what LEMC Youth Ministry is all about; demonstrating a passion for Jesus and a desire to follow Him. We prioritize our personal relationship with Jesus so that we can help others with their personal relationship with Jesus. (Phillippians 2)

HERE FOR PEOPLE

We value each teen by noticing them and caring about them! We offer a warm and sincere welcome to all students because we know God's love and grace towards us. Eye contact, smiles and greetings make students feel seen, and learning their names shows them they matter. Learning more about our students; their interests, school experiences, family lives, jobs and social experiences help to establish deep connections. We honour their presence here, and make it meaningful!

HERE TO HELP

If students aren't sure where to go or what to do, we take the time to come alongside them and help them however we can. If you see something, do something! If we are unable to help, we connect them with someone that can.

HERE TOGETHER

Youth volunteers know we are a part of a bigger community. As we work as a team, we can rely on each other to fulfill the varying roles and responsibilities during youth events. Whenever possible, we connect with the students, or connect them to others that could help or encourage them. As a team of leaders, we care for one another and work together to serve our youth as well as possible.

DISCIPLING OUR YOUTH

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

A disciple is someone who is learning to listen to and follow Jesus. They are like an apprentice becoming more and more like Him! Leaders can intentionally invest in our youth by giving them opportunities to discover Jesus and His teachings, to deepen their understandings of His example, and to gain confidence in their abilities as a young believer.

HOW CAN WE DISCIPLE OUR YOUTH?

- Give students opportunities to discover and use their spiritual gifts.
- Mentor them to grow in their spiritual lives and leadership skills
- Encourage them so they gain confidence in the gifts God has given them



WINS

**We want to celebrate the ways God is moving in our youth.
In Youth Ministry, we want to see students...**

- Consistently show up to events and excited to be there
- Make connections and establish relationships within the group
- Feel safe to be vulnerable and honest with each other, sharing about things happening in their lives
- Ask questions about their faith/show a desire to dig deeper
- Use their Bibles at Youth and in their personal lives
- Encourage others to come to youth/invite their friends
- Express interest in leading and sharing within the group
- Have Jesus-centered conversations, encouraging others in their faith
- Show growth in Christian character, lifestyle and understanding of their faith
- Feel equipped to share about Jesus and are able to share their life and faith with others
- Decide to follow Jesus/get baptized

We are going to look for, pray for, and celebrate things like this together, as a youth ministry team!

TRAINING & EQUIPPING

Our youth ministry staff are devoted to equipping and assisting our leaders so they feel comfortable and prepared to lead students. It is a WIN for us when you as a volunteer feel prepared to lead well.

If you need more information or have questions:
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YOUTH LEADER GUIDELINES

1. BE ON TIME. To the best of your ability, please come on time each week. We strive to begin and end on time, as a way of showing our respect for each other.

2. BE AUTHENTIC. We realize that trust grows over time. Our students value someone who is REAL! They appreciate adults who are genuine and honest, and will trust you more as they witness this. In your conversations and group discussions, we invite you to share openly about yourself, as you feel comfortable. Communicating openly builds trust and develops stronger relationships.

3. BE TRUSTWORTHY. Confidentiality is extremely important. What is said within a conversation or group discussion during Youth events is considered confidential and will not be discussed outside, unless specific permission is given to do so. Share with your friends and family what you are learning and what God is doing - but please do not share the content of our students' issues.

IMPORTANT **There is an exception to this guideline**

If a student reveals something to you that indicates that they or someone else is at risk, it is crucial to inform a staff member as soon as you are able.



4. BE ACCEPTING. Practice acceptance. Avoid being shocked if someone shares startling information. Be sensitive to one another. Remember, every one of us is at a different place on the journey of self-discovery and spiritual growth; we respect that.

5. BE ALL IN. Make a pact with yourself that you will give youth event time to God and our students. Listen attentively to others and seek to engage in conversation. Set an example of someone who is 'all in' with the activities and discussions of the event. Please avoid using your cell phone, unless there is an important exception.

6. BE A STUDENT. Come with a teachable heart and open attitude. Come expecting to learn and grow through what's being discussed and through the others in the group (leaders and students alike!).

7. FAITH & PRACTICE. If there are points in our beliefs or EMCC Faith and Practices that you do not agree with or have questions about, you can speak with a pastor on questions that may arise regarding this. Please do not use discussions with students as a platform to influence or question someone's beliefs.

8. RESPECT RISK REQUIREMENTS. Adhering to LEMC's RISK Prevention Policy provides a safe and secure environment for the youth entrusted to us. Keep yourself and our teens protected by maintaining your RISK approval with our offered annual refresher courses. Policies and Best Practices can be found in the LEMC Office.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN THE MAKING OF A LEADER

- Growing in their relationship with Jesus. This is the best indicator of an individual who will make a great leader
- Asks good questions
- Gives thoughtful responses that spark deep conversation
- Active listener
- Connects well with and cares for others in the group
- Shows initiative and leadership
- Committed to the group and fully present

HOW DO I INVITE SOMEONE TO BE A LEADER?

- Connect with them and tell them what you see in them
- Let them know you think they might make a great leader and why
- Affirm their leadership qualities with specific examples
- Encourage them to pray about and consider the opportunity

STUDENT LEADER ROLE AT LEMC

- Student leaders assist in facilitating meaningful conversation during Youth events, where peers are inspired to grow in their relationships with Jesus and others
- Student leaders are given opportunities to plan and prepare social events, games, and other aspects of Youth events
- We invite student leaders to partner with us, and gradually give them opportunities to practice leading
- We provide them with check-ins and regularly give honest feedback and next steps
- We challenge and mentor them to encourage growth in their spiritual lives and leadership skills

DISCOVERY BIBLE METHOD

**SAMPLE FOR
LEADING
A GROUP**

SCAN ME



GRATITUDE

What happened last week that you're thankful for?

PRAYER

What challenges or stress do you see in life, family or world?
Who needs our help or how can we be there for others?

ACCOUNTABILITY

How did you obey, share or meet the needs of others this week?

READ A SCRIPTURE

Re-read, re-tell and consider the details of the scripture.

ASK OPEN QUESTIONS

What do we learn about God or people? What sticks out to you and why? Who needs to hear this? What is God saying to you and what are you going to do about it? Use the QR code on this page to find more Discovery Bible Outlines!

EVERY LEADER HAS ACCESS TO...

LEADERSHIP GUIDANCE

We understand that serving as a Youth Leader is a great investment of your time and energy. We will support and encourage you by offering regular guidance, teaching, and prayer. Our Pastors and Youth Coordinators are always available to help you grow in your discipling!

SLACK



Leaders are encouraged to join in our leadership chat! This is one way that we develop, notify and equip leaders for success. Download the FREE app from www.slack.com and use Listowelemc as your organization or contact admin@lemconline.org to get your email invite!

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