

SLT

Student Leadership Team

"I...urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called"-Ephesians 4:1

VISION

The Student Leadership Team exists to **BUILD**
INFLUENCERS and **SEND SERVANTS**

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.

This packet is going to help you explore an opportunity to make such a commitment - an opportunity to be a part of the Student Leadership Team. I will be expecting a lot of the SLT 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. Jesus expected a lot from His disciples and, for some of you, joining the SLT 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.

What is LEADERSHIP?

Leadership is more than just showing up to events. Leadership is a commitment to be an *influencer*, 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 mom 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 and Makeup of the SLT

The SLT is an entire school year commitment. We will typically run from the start of one school year through to the end of the next school year. At that time, a new SLT will be formed. A member from one year CAN be a member in a following year.

There is not an expectation of x number of boys or x number of high school students in the SLT. Any student that meets the qualifications will be reviewed and it is our hope that each student will consider the SLT as an opportunity to both grow and to contribute.

Qualifications of the SLT

Every member of the SLT must meet and maintain certain qualifications. Only those individuals that meet the following qualifications will be considered. The applicant must:

- Have a mature relationship with Jesus that is growing
- Passionate to serve alongside of other followers of Jesus
- Have a positive reputation and living above reproach

Expectations of the SLT

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

Each member of the SLT will be expected to:

- **Influence** others through **Serving** (i.e. lead)
- Attend a Bi-monthly (8:00am-9:00am Upstairs Cafe) SLT meeting (entire team together) the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.
 - Note: Missing 2 meetings without an excused absence or communication will result in requiring you to step down
- Participate in the ministry using your gifts and talents God has given you
- Maintain a strong attendance at the Annex
- Provide critical feedback to leadership regarding the Student Ministry (i.e. if there is a problem, speak up)
- Remain in good standing with the SLT for the full commitment
- Quick and clear communication with all members
- Be the light and salt for your school.

Commitments of an SLT member

If the above are firm expectations we use to measure success within the SLT, 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 SLT 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
- HAVING FUN!!! =)

Ministry Ownership of an SLT member

Each SLT member will be responsible for “owning” a ministry of their own. This could entail a wide variety of options including the ones below and more. You are also encouraged to participate in the other leader’s ministries.

- PRAYER
- RAK (Random Acts of Kindness)
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- TECH
- WELCOME
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VIDEOGRAPHY
- OUTREACH
- SPORTS
- HOSTING
- GAMES
- EVENT PLANNER
- MEAL CHEF
- AND MANY MORE!



**STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM
2022 APPLICATION**

INSTRUCTIONS

Feel free to type this out in an email or text the answers to me!

Phone: 503-805-0580

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Name: _____ Grade _____ Today's Date: _____

Why do you want to be on the Student Leadership Team?

How would you tell your story of when you first began following Jesus?

How does your spiritual life look right now?

How would your friends describe your faith? How would your parents describe your faith?

What activities/organizations are you a part of or plan to be a part of? (ex. football, cheerleading, band, soccer, Taylor Swift fan club, etc.)

Other than joining the SLT, what do you see as your next step in growing to become more like Jesus? What, if any, resources might help you in taking that next step?