

## **What Do We Expect from our Leadership**

We have high expectations for our leadership and don't apologize for them because we know some are ready for the challenge. We expect each member of our student leadership team to be committed to growing in the following L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. qualities:

**Learner** – eagerness to grow in personal character and necessary skills for effective ministry  
*“And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them” (Psalm 78:72).*

**Ethical Behavior** – pursuing a lifestyle that reflects the Lord Jesus Christ  
*“Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1).*

**Authentic Relationship with Jesus Christ** – understands and can articulate the Gospel message  
*“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15).*

**Devoted to Personal Growth** – commitment to a journey of spiritual maturity  
*“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness” (Colossians 2:6-7).*

**Eager to Serve** – willingness to be faithful and available to the Student Ministry  
*“Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock” (1 Peter 5:2-3).*

**Responsible** – commitment to be prepared for assigned responsibilities  
*“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17).*

**Support the Vision of the Ministry** – commitment to the unity on the team  
*“I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought” (1 Corinthians 1:10).*

**Heart for the lost** – possess a genuine love to see people come to faith in Christ  
*“We were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us” (1 Thessalonians 1:7-8).*

**Interested in other Leaders** – committed to encouraging the other leaders  
*“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:4-5).*

**Prayerful** – committed to pray regularly for Todd and the student staff, fellow leaders on the team, and your peers in our Student Ministry  
*“...we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding” (Colossians 1:9).*

## The Student Leadership Commitment

*“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but **set an example** for the believers in speech, in life, in faith, and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12*

In addition to the profile described on the preceding page, a student also makes the following specific commitments:

- Committed to representing Christ in every area of your life
- Committed to a relationship with Christ
- Committed to growing in Christ
- Committed to living a “no doubt” lifestyle
- Committed to servant evangelism
- Committed to consistent involvement in the WSM (see the following)
  - Corporate worship, Sunday Morning LIVE, LIFE Groups, koinonia, weekly student leadership meetings, and other WSM activities

## The Student Leadership Program

We know you’re busy, and our goal is to maximize your leadership and ministry in the most effective way possible. Student leadership consists of the following:

- Leadership is primarily a lifestyle commitment, so we’ve defined that commitment and will do our best to hold you accountable to that commitment and spiritual growth.
- Our student leaders will meet every week for prayer, training and encouragement.
- There are SLT Retreats that are incredibly important to the connectedness and unity of the team. The retreats “jump start” each semester with a renewed focus, as well as specific team training and fellowship together.
- Finally, our student leaders will be our “go to” people when we really need to make something happen in our ministry.

## How to Become a Student Leader

- Prayerfully consider this commitment. Talk about it with some close friends and your parents. Please note that this application should take you some time. **Don’t rush through it.**
- Complete the application (online).
- If you’re accepted onto the Student Leadership Team, we’ll send you a student leadership commitment sheet for you to read and sign and more detailed information about what it takes to be a student leader.