



SUMMIT YOUTH
DISCIPLESHIP MANUAL
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Purpose:

The Summit Youth Discipleship program exists for the purpose of leadership training and discipleship for students a part of Summit Youth Ministries.

Mission:

Our mission with Summit Youth Discipleship is ...

- ❑ To disciple students in their relationship with Christ
- ❑ To grow students in their leadership capabilities
- ❑ To equip students to do ministry through practical, hands-on training.
- ❑ To provide spiritual accountability for students serving in ministry.

Vision:

Our vision is to develop our students' ministry potential, and launch them into their schools, church, and marketplace to be effective witnesses and leaders for Christ. Throughout the Bible, we see evidence of God consistently using young people to change the world around them.

Some of those stories are:

- ❑ David being annointed king of Israel around 15 years old. (1 Samuel 16:4-13)
- ❑ Joseph being a 17 year old who was sold into slavery and imprisoned before being raising to a significant power within the Egyptian empire, which, saved multiple nations from famine. (Genesis 37-50)
- ❑ Mary being annointed by an angel to birth the Messiah at the age of 16 (Luke 1:26-38)
- ❑ Daniel being a 17 year old who was taken into captivity, before God rose him to significant political power in Babylon. (Daniel 1:1-6)
- ❑ Esther being forced into marriage to the king of Persia at 14 years old, only to use her position to save the Israelites from genocide. (Ether 2:2-18)

Discipleship Process:

SYD students will meet once a month on Sundays at 11:00 AM for hands-on ministry training and discipleship. Sessions will include teaching on:

- ❑ Spiritual Disciplines
- ❑ Book Studies
- ❑ Ministry training for specific Summit Church ministries.
- ❑ Ministry training such as: altar work, witnessing, leading someone to the Lord, etc.
- ❑ Ministry project work for upcoming events, services, outreaches, etc.

As a part of the discipleship process, we will actively challenge students to push themselves spiritually. This includes taking advantage of opportunities like:

- ❑ Praying over other students at the altar
- ❑ Teaching & preaching
- ❑ Leading campus bible clubs
- ❑ Ministering in music and leading worship
- ❑ Interceding in prayer before the start of services
- ❑ Leading small groups
- ❑ Leading other students to Christ
- ❑ Involving themselves in weekend ministry teams such at Summit such as production, worship and kids ministry.

Requirements:

Any student that is currently in 8th-12th grade, and is willing to make the following commitments can join Summit Youth Discipleship:

- ❑ Have a daily prayer & devotional time.
- ❑ Keep a daily prayer journal.
- ❑ Attend all student leadership meetings throughout the year.
- ❑ Establish at least one accountability partner who is also a member of the Summit Youth Discipleship program. Pray together and encourage each other once a week. This can be done through meeting together and/or phone calls.
- ❑ Regularly meet with a small group leader to be discipled
- ❑ Weekly attend a Summit Church weekend service or weekly attend their home church's weekend service
- ❑ Serve consistently on a weekend ministry team at Summit Church or their home church (production team, worship team, or kids ministry).
- ❑ Adhere to the Lifestyle Commitment detailed out on the following pages.

LIFESTYLE COMMITMENT

Healthy Relationships

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39).

SYD students are expected to actively pursue the building of quality relationships with the Lord, their family, other students, their school and their community.

Accountable Leadership

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

SYD students are expected to live an accountable lifestyle that’s reflected in their speech, life, love, faith, and purity.

- ❑ Speech = What you say and how you talk
 - There should be no gossip, slander, backbiting, negative speech, coarse joking, or foul language. Rather there should be encouragement, and positive language.
- ❑ Life = Lifestyle, conduct, & behavior
 - The way you live should reflect Christ. Living a life above reproach and safeguarding against any accusations is of utmost importance. Drugs, alcohol, smoking, vaping, and other related addictions will not be tolerated.
- ❑ Love = Your relationship with people
 - Your relationship with other should exemplify purity, love, and care. All conflict resolution should be solved according to the principal found in Matthew 18:15-17.
- ❑ Faith = Your relationship with God
 - Fostering your relationship with the Lord is your highest calling, and should be your highest priority.
- ❑ Purity = Standards, morals, and convictions
 - As a student leader, you must live with purity and holiness. Student leaders must not date non-Christians, and in their relationships there must be no immorality, premarital sex, foreplay, or perversion. In addition, there must be purity in entertainment, the internet, social media, video games, books, magazines, videos, and music.

Godly Attitude

A student's attitude is their greatest asset. Developing a positive attitude accompanied with obedience, humility, selflessness, and servanthood is a priority.

- *"Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness" (Philippians 2:5-7).*

Team Loyalty

In order to be united as a team, students need to be loyal and trust the pastoral staff, church leadership, and youth ministry leaders. Loyalty is reflected in words, actions, and in teachability.

- *"I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of the 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" (I Corinthians 1:10).*

Intentional Serving

Students are given talents and gifts by God to be used to build His kingdom. Therefore, students must be faithful to maintain a weekly commitment to a weekend ministry team

- *"Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you" (I Timothy 4:14).*

Faithful Commitment

Commitment must be consistent showing faithfulness, promptness, high standards, and availability. This means you are committed to that which you agree in advance to be involved in.

- *"Your hearts must be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time" (I Kings 8:61).*

Produce Fruit

Jesus measured success often by the fruit that was brought forth. Fruit should be developed in your life spiritually, socially, emotionally, and mentally.

- *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing...This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." (John 15:5,8)*