

LeaderTreks Sermon Series are easy-to-use, engaging messages that are geared toward junior high and high school students. These customizable, Bible-based sermon outlines are designed to equip everyone from volunteer leaders to experienced full-time youth workers with solid content and clear takeaways that bring the Bible to life. The included group discussion questions help you facilitate great discussions that lead to real-life application steps.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 4 Bible-based sermon outlines (PDF & Word) with PowerPoint presentations to support each lesson
- Media & Graphics (presentation slides and social media images to promote/follow-up with students)

SERMON OUTLINE GUIDE

1. **Mark of a Disciple:** This is the character trait of a Christ-follower and overall main idea of the message that we want students to walk away with.
2. **Sermon Overview:** Context and goals to help you prepare your message.
3. **Ice Breaker Question:** An easy way to check in on your students and get them thinking about the topic.
4. **Teaching Points & Illustrations:** Each lesson has several teaching points with a brief explanation to help you build your sermon. Use the suggested illustrations to help better connect your students with the biblical truth you are teaching. Don't forget to use the included PowerPoint to support your message.
5. **Closing Reflection:** Use this prompt to wrap up your message and get students thinking about how to apply what they've learned.
6. **Discussion Questions:** Each lesson includes group discussion questions. Based on your group size and time requirements, use these questions to facilitate a big group discussion or break into small groups.

DEFENDING A FRIEND SERIES OVERVIEW

God doesn't need defending, but he's called us to always be prepared to explain to others the hope we have in Christ. In these four lessons, your students will focus on how to answer some common questions about why they believe what they believe.

LESSON 1 Living Differently	SCRIPTURE: John 17:11–21, 1 Peter 3:15 MARK OF A DISCIPLE: Disciples of Christ live differently.
LESSON 2 Who's Good Enough?	SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:3–21 MARK OF A DISCIPLE: Disciples of Christ rely on their faith in Jesus rather than being "good enough."
LESSON 3 Does God Really Care?	SCRIPTURE: Psalm 121 MARK OF A DISCIPLE: Disciples of Christ trust that God loves and cares for them.
LESSON 4 Can I Trust the Bible?	SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 MARK OF A DISCIPLE: Disciples of Christ trust in the authority of God's Word.