



START LEADING A THRIVING YOUTH MINISTRY

We know that you want to lead a thriving ministry that makes disciples. But knowing where and how to start can sometimes be challenging. That's why we created the *LeaderTreks Starter Kit*. Use this set of resources to take steps toward a thriving ministry by re-engaging students, equipping adult volunteers, and growing your leadership. Here's what is included and how it can help you lead a thriving youth ministry:

- 1. Help discipleship thrive**
with Gospel-centered lesson series and adult volunteer training videos
- 2. Help student leadership thrive**
with lessons and events to develop your student leadership team
- 3. Help events, trips, and retreats thrive**
with outreach curriculum and Pre-Trip Training for mission trips
- 4. Help your personal leadership thrive**
with youth worker tools, training, and assessments
- 5. Help your ENTIRE YOUTH MINISTRY thrive**
with Deep Discipleship—our Complete Youth Ministry System

#1

HELP DISCIPLESHIP THRIVE

When we don't have a strategy for teaching and simply bounce around different ideas and topics, our students graduate from our ministries with critical gaps in their understanding of the Gospel. Teaching students the whole Gospel message is a crucial step in leading a thriving youth ministry. The **Savior Solution** and **When Life is Hard** lesson series will help you teach and reinforce core Gospel truths to Junior High and High School students.

But students only make up 1/3 of our ministry. We must reach parents and adult volunteers to truly lead a thriving ministry. All parents and volunteers desire to disciple students, but some may feel unqualified to do so. To eliminate this issue, we provided the **"How to Disciple a Student" Video Training Series** to equip volunteers with the practical skills needed to disciple students. You'll also find a **Faith at Home Activity** to help parents practice becoming the primary disciple-maker God called them to be.

WE'VE INCLUDED THESE RESOURCES:

- 1. Savior Solution series**
from HERD Gear Up (for Junior High)
- 2. When Life Is Hard series**
from Deep Discipleship (for High School)
- 3. Unscramble Screen Game**
from Deep Discipleship
- 4. "How to Disciple a Student" Video Training Series**
- 5. "Movie Wisdom" Faith at Home Activity**
from Deep Discipleship (for Parents)

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HELP STUDENT LEADERSHIP THRIVE

The church is one generation away from being without leaders. And the obstacles that stand in the way of developing those leaders are growing by the day. Students are busier than ever. Parents are more demanding than ever. And great adult volunteers are getting harder and harder to find. What are we supposed to do?

Developing student leaders must become a priority if we want our ministry to thrive. But before they are willing to take on leadership roles, students first need to understand what leadership is, how God uniquely wired them to lead, and how leadership will affect their lives. To lay a strong foundation for student leadership, we included the **Leadership Foundations** lesson series, and a set of devotions for student leaders inside **Student Leadership at Home**.

We understand that preparation is only part of becoming a leader. Application and experiences are vital steps for leadership development. So we included a **Student Leadership Service Project** designed to be led by your students.

WE'VE INCLUDED THESE RESOURCES:

- 1. Leadership Foundations**
- 2. “Serving Sporting Events” Student Leadership Service Project Guide**
from Deep Discipleship (for High School)
- 3. Student Leadership at Home**

#3

HELP EVENTS, RETREATS & TRIPS THRIVE

Without question, events, trips, and retreats are great places for ministry. But our time at events is limited, so making the most of every minute we have with students is crucial. For events to thrive, let the Gospel be the main message communicated through every aspect of what you do, and avoid letting your games, activities, and other production elements be the star of your events. To eliminate any doubt of magnifying the Gospel at your next outreach event, use the **Everlasting** retreat curriculum.

Trips move from fond memories to huge milestones when we help students understand how to have a positive impact on their mission trip. Use the **Imprint Pre-Trip Training** series to prepare students for Kingdom impact.

If you want to see your students grow in faith while having an opportunity to serve, consider a LeaderTreks Mission trip. We'll get to know your expectations, find the right trip for your group, and prepare your team for impact. Explore the **2023 Trips Information Packet** to see how a LeaderTreks trip could unite your students and energize your youth ministry.

Missions shouldn't only be thought of as possible outside our city or country borders. Opportunities to serve are all around us. The *LeaderTreks Starter Kit* comes with a local missional option—**“Community Growth” GO Event**—that helps students see the impact they can make for the Kingdom in their community.

WE'VE INCLUDED THESE RESOURCES:

- 1. Everlasting retreat curriculum**
- 2. “Community Growth” GO Event**
from Deep Discipleship (for High School)
- 3. “Electric Wire” Team-Building Game**
from Deep Discipleship (for High School)
- 4. Ministry Calendars**
from Deep Discipleship
- 5. Imprint Pre-Trip Training**
- 6. Mission Trips Information Packet**

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HELP YOUR PERSONAL LEADERSHIP THRIVE

Too often, many ministries aren't thriving because youth workers allow the calendar, the past, or even the latest trend to dictate the direction of their ministry. Taking a good, hard look at the state of our youth ministry is a decisive step toward course correction. Use the **Youth Ministry Assessment** to evaluate the health of the youth ministry in the areas of volunteers, programming, discipleship, partnering with parents, and student leadership.

After some evaluation, you'll be able to create a clear and straightforward plan that follows the **REACH-GROW-GO Strategy**. You'll also find some **Volunteer Role Cards** that provide easy steps for your volunteers to take to find quick success in their areas of service.

WE'VE INCLUDED THESE RESOURCES:

- 1. Youth Ministry Assessment**
from Deep Discipleship (for Youth Pastors)
- 2. REACH-GROW-GO Strategy & Worksheet**
- 3. Volunteer Role Cards**
from Deep Discipleship (for Youth Pastors)

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HELP YOUR ENTIRE YOUTH MINISTRY THRIVE

The responsibility you carry as the spiritual leader of a youth group can be overwhelming at times. Our *LeaderTreks Starter Kit* is excellent! But it is only the starting point toward a thriving youth ministry. If you want to make the kind of Kingdom impact we read about in the New Testament, discipleship must be at the center of every aspect of your student ministry, the thread that holds everything together.

Some of the last words Jesus ever spoke to his followers were, “Go make disciples” (Matthew 28:19). That command rings just as urgent today as it did back then. Maybe more so. We know you feel it. We feel it too. If you are passionate about ensuring your students grow deep roots of discipleship—the kind that will continue long after they leave your ministry—check out our *Deep Discipleship System*.



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