

**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.

## WHEN LIFE IS HARD SERIES OVERVIEW

This series focuses on how we can continue to follow Jesus when life is overwhelming and difficult. Occasionally, the most painful times show us the most about who God is if we are willing to pay attention and trust him. Each lesson in this series addresses a different aspect of life when it is hard.

<b>LESSON 1</b> God's Grace is Bigger	<b>SCRIPTURE:</b> 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 <b>MARK OF A DISCIPLE:</b> Disciples of Christ rely on God's grace and strength during times of pain and struggle.
<b>LESSON 2</b> What to do with Worry	<b>SCRIPTURE:</b> Psalm 77 <b>MARK OF A DISCIPLE:</b> Disciples of Christ trust God with all their worries and troubles.
<b>LESSON 3</b> No Condemnation	<b>SCRIPTURE:</b> Romans 8:1-11 <b>MARK OF A DISCIPLE:</b> Disciples of Christ aren't controlled by guilt and shame because there is no condemnation in Jesus.
<b>LESSON 4</b> Hard Knocks	<b>SCRIPTURE:</b> Matthew 11:25-30, Hebrews 4:14-16, James 4:6-8 <b>MARK OF A DISCIPLE:</b> Disciples of Christ trust that God is always present, even when life is hard.