

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Quick Start Guide



Start With What You Have

Many times we hesitate to dive into student leadership because we don't feel like we have enough people or maybe the "right" people. One of the greatest things we can do is invest in our people for their growth. Give tasks based on where they are. For example, have a student do the welcome or announcements then as they get comfortable give them more opportunity and responsibility. I've labeled these things as passive (entry level) leadership.



Proceed With The End In Mind

As we move students from one place of leadership to another, move with intentionality. There will be common goals for every student that comes through our ministry but we also need to give specific goals we'd like students to accomplish by the time they leave our ministries. Goals that grow both the ministry and the student.



Coach The Journey

Coaches prepare players for the game but never take the field. In the same way, we want to take opportunities to coach those we lead. Whether it's passive leadership (announcements, welcome, greeter) or active leadership (mentor, group leader, accountability partner) we can speak life, give guidance, give direction, and build up those students. We must teach our teams to lead and then give them the lead which sometimes means they do it differently than we do. We must be okay with that.



Equip And Ship

The ultimate goal of a leader is to prepare those we lead for whatever may come for them. This usually means for when they graduate and leave our student ministry but it also could be when they get called into a leadership role at school, on their sports team, at a camp, or weekend event. No matter the occasion, we want to equip them well and have them ready for whatever the calling and then "ship" them off with our blessing knowing they are going to do great things for the kingdom.

If you have found value in this resource or would like more information or follow up coaching, please let us know at ericfoshee.com. Our heart is to serve and support you and see you succeed in your ministry.