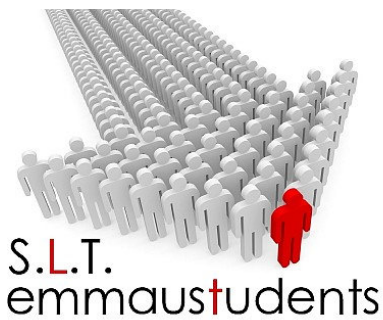


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Introductory Discussion Meeting

Bringing students together to encourage them to pursue leadership with excellence in all things.

Why Leadership?

Read the following two verses. How do we make sense of these two verses? What are we to do?

Jeremiah 45:5 *Should you then seek great things for yourself? Seek them not.*

1 Timothy 3:1 *To aspire to leadership is an honorable ambition.*

These two verses provide for us both an encouragement and a warning when it comes to leadership. Leadership and excellence should always be something to be sought and attained. But leadership and excellence is not to be attained for selfish reasons or for others to grant you admiration.

Genuine leadership is a very unselfish process because leadership is never for the benefit of the leader but the followers. The best leader is one who is humble, unselfish, and looks to what is better for others.

Philippians 2:3-11 *3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

~ So going back to the original question, why is leadership needed?

Without leadership there is stagnation and no progress. There is no one to point us to the right way in where we want to go.

~Do you have a choice on whether to lead or not to lead?

No! You all are leaders. The question is what kind of leader are you?

- ❖ **Saddam Hussein** was a strong and tremendous leader? Why was he a strong leader...because people followed him. That is the mark of a strong leader, not necessarily a good leader but a strong leader.

Everyone of you have strength in leadership. Why? Because there are others who are following you, and you do not even know it. You are being followed and you are being watched. So there is no doubt, you are strong leaders. But how are you leading?

Do you know how to lead in a God-honoring way? What direction is your life taking other students, because they are going to follow you regardless of where you go. How you lead is going to determine what this Student Ministry will look like a few years from now.

What's the Purpose of SLT?

The purpose of SLT (Student Lead Teams) is to give us a platform to constantly teach and reinforce what we have just talked about...the importance of leadership. We want to rise up in this Student Ministry students that aspire to be leaders, not for themselves, but for the benefit others.

Also, we want to give you ownership of this Student Ministry. In reality it already is but we want you to take the reigns and run with it. I want to use the SLT's to help...

1. Plan ideas for future events
2. Brainstorm ways we can better reach others in your schools
3. Create ways and opportunities for missions and service
4. and much more...

More than just being a group of students that helps create opportunities for ministry I want you to do ministry. When we come up with ideas I want you all to be on the front lines help making these ideas come into reality. I want it to be very hands on. I am no expert in how to make all of this happen. We will be growing together as the SLT's begin to take shape and form into what it will become for years to come.

There will be a spiritual element to the SLT's as well. Besides planning and preparing ministry we will spend a lot of time praying and studying the Bible together. Some of our meetings will not involve any planning at all, just prayer! Prayer is the best and only real way to plan ministry.

Who Can Be On an SLT?

The goal of any leader is to replace themselves. One of these days you will be gone. You will go off to College, get married, have children, etc... Who will be a leader when you graduate from High School? Hopefully it will be younger students that look up to you and desire to be leader like you?

So the goal is to replace yourself, but the question is, are you replaceable? Are there any things in your life, an attitude, a belief, and certain actions that would be a bad influence on others? Remember, anyone can be a leader, the question is what kind of leader are you?

Opening Illustration: What are the marks of a good brownie?

-soft, chocolaty, sweet, moist, & messy vs. hard & brittle, bland, dry

What about the marks of a good baseball player, a good waitress, a good student, a good son or daughter, a good employee. Everyone one has specifics marks that distinguish them from being something good or something not so good. Well, same with a leader!

If you want to pursue being on an SLT (Student Lead Teams) there will be certain expectations that you must have because we want godly leaders that will lead others to be the same.

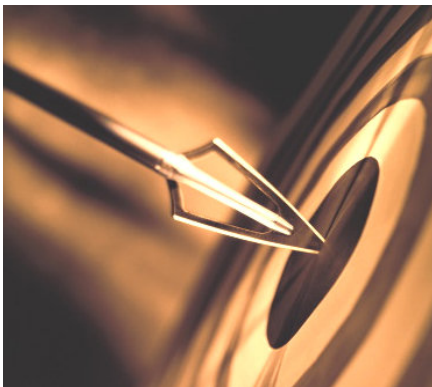
~ Before we address some of these marks, what would say to be some marks of not only a strong leader but a good leader in the Student Ministry here at Emmaus?

emmaustudents Marks of Leadership



To aspire to leadership is an honorable ambition. 1 Timothy 3:1

All students are encouraged to pursue leadership within the Student Ministry at Emmaus. The benefits of student leadership is not merely intended for the welfare of the Student Ministry but for the welfare of the student. The Student Ministry desires to help students develop themselves as leaders & followers of Christ so that years from now, long after their involvement in Student Ministry, they will continue towards the goal of Christ likeness. Students who aspire to leadership should develop these general marks of leadership in life!



- Mark 1:** Committed to a Relationship with Christ.
- Mark 2:** Committed to Growing In Christ.
- Mark 3:** Committed to Living Like Christ.
- Mark 4:** Committed to the Church.
- Mark 5:** Committed to the Student Ministry.
- Mark 6:** Committed to Others in the Church.
- Mark 7:** Committed to Others outside the Church.

What are the SLT Student Expectations? *Please refer to the "Marks of Leadership" on the previous page.

Mark 1: Committed to a Relationship with Christ.

If you desire to be on an SLT you obviously must have previously come to a point in your life where you have recognized your need for Christ because of your sin, and in faith turned to Him as the ONLY way of escape from your sin and their ultimate consequence. You also understand that God doesn't just save you from something but for something. In other words, you understand that being a Christian is a relationship with Christ and daily turning your life over to His will in your life.

Ephesians 2:8-10 *8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Mark 2: Committed to Growing in Christ.

If you desire to be on an SLT you also must understand that in order to grow in Christ, we must seek to know Him more and pursuing Godliness. All growing Christians seek to practice various Spiritual Disciplines. Need Help??? <http://www.skopos.org/devotional/>

- ❖ Consistent Quiet Times (bible study & prayer)
- ❖ Accountability with another believer
- ❖ Scripture Memory
- ❖ Giving (tithing, time, energy, etc...)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 2:15 *15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

Luke 6:12 *One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, & spent the night praying to God.*

Proverbs 27:17 *17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.*

Psalms 119:11 *11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

2 Corinthians 9:7 *7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver..*

Mark 3: Committed to Living Like Christ.

If you desire to be on an SLT you also must flesh out the things you are learning in your personal growth in Christ. When you spend time with Christ in the Word and in Prayer, allow yourself be challenged by other believers, as well as, challenge others believers to grow Godly, you should begin to also become Godly and Christ like. If you pursue Christ you will become like Christ. When you are committed to live like Christ you will...

- ❖ Love all people, no matter what AND Selflessly serve all people.
- ❖ Speak words that are true honoring of Christ.
- ❖ Your attitude will be positive.
- ❖ Submissive to authority in your life (parents, teachers, Church leaders, etc...)
- ❖ Make wise choices concerning your lifestyle knowing your leadership is a model for other students.

1 Timothy 4:12 *12 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.*

Mark 4: Committed to the Church.

If you desire to be on an SLT, Student Ministry should not be your only involvement in the church. The Student Ministry is just one branch off the tree. We are first committed to the Church (i.e. services and other opportunities to gather in corporate worship). We also should pursue opportunities to serve the church as a whole (see also mark 6).

Hebrews 10:25 *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.*

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 *12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ... 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

Mark 5: Committed to the Student Ministry.

If you desire to be on an SLT then it only makes sense that you are an active part of the Student Ministry here at Emmaus.

- ❖ Pursue spiritual growth through...
 - Sunday School, Sunday night Discipleship, Wednesday night REFUEL
- ❖ Welcoming other students (regular or visitors) in the above meeting times by greeting them to create a welcoming & friendly atmosphere. Introducing them to others as to include them.
- ❖ When possible I will attend & enthusiastically participate in events/activities.
- ❖ Faithfully attend all SLT Meetings.

Mark 6 & 7: Committed to others in the Church and outside the Church.

If you desire to be on an SLT then you must be committed to loving and serving others in the church.

- ❖ Connect w/ other students (especially younger) relationally & spiritually.
- ❖ Connect with an influential adult.
- ❖ Be willing to spend time w/ students who are outside your "Circle of Friends".
- ❖ Be intentional about making God a part of your conversations.
- ❖ Pray for the needs of others in the Church & Student Ministry
- ❖ Invite friends (especially those who do not know God) to church.
- ❖ Pray for the salvation of your lost friends.
- ❖ Talk to your lost friends about Christ.

2 Timothy 2:2 *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*

1 Corinthians 11:1 *Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ..*

Ephesians 6:18 *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

Matthew 28:19-20 *19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

**Students wishing to be apart of the SLT are not required to attend Super Summer. But students wishing to attend Super Summer are required to be involved on the SLT.*

Super Summer Expectations

Those wishing to attend Super Summer must meet all of the previous expectations, plus...

- 1) Read through the book Spiritual Leadership
- 2) Participate in a spiritual activity with your parents (more info coming soon...)
- 3) Various assignments to show that you are reading the book as well as going through the Devotional to End All Devotionals.

Anyone not able to meet these expectations will need to wait until next year to attend Super Summer.