



STUDENT

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

FALL 2026

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

MY COACHES ARE:

MY CAMPUS IS:

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WELCOME TO STUDENT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

We're so glad you made the choice to arrange your life around Jesus and live a different way! Throughout Student Leadership Experience, you'll engage in a training plan that's designed to give you opportunities and invitations to become like Jesus while growing as a leader. It'll also help you build intentional spiritual practices into the rhythms of your everyday life.

We believe God created you to be a hope carrier: a disciple of Jesus living on mission to change your world. On the journey ahead, there will be days where you experience great breakthroughs and other days where you may not feel like leaning in. But with each next step you take, you'll be shaped and formed as a disciple and grow as a leader of Gen Hope! Remember – it's not about what you're doing but who you're becoming.

Our hope is that Student Leadership Experience will help you build a strong foundation of faith that allows you to thrive in the days ahead. We're for you, and we're cheering you on each step of the way. We can't wait to see who you continue to become on this journey!



VALLEY CREEK STUDENTS TEAM

COMMITMENT

In the kingdom of God, faithfulness matters and commitment counts. Student Leadership Experience is highly relational and team-based. That means consistency and active participation are important, and absences are significant.

Saying “yes” to this experience is committing to:

- Engaging in a minimum of 75% of all gatherings
- Arriving on time with your pen, Bible, and Student Leadership Journal
- Actively participating in each gathering
- Completing all practices and activities in your monthly training plan

If you’re unable to consistently meet these expectations at any point during the year, you’re making the choice to remove yourself from Student Leadership Experience.

We believe Jesus wants to do so much in and through you, and we don’t want you to miss out on any of it!

KEY DATES AND MORE RESOURCES



EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

Student Leadership is a transformative experience where you'll grow in becoming a disciple of Jesus and learn to lead yourself and others through weekly and monthly interactive experiences. You'll be a part of a team, called a pod, that's led by two Coaches. Here's what the experience will look like:

MONTHLY

On the first Sunday of every month, we'll come together from 5:30pm-8:30pm. You'll work through one of the core topics that will help you build a strong biblical foundation, learn practical leadership skills for your everyday life, and deepen your relationship with Jesus. You'll also discuss your learnings and put them into practice through hands-on leadership labs. Dinner will be provided.

SUNDAYS

Every Sunday, you'll meet with your Coaches from 8:30am-9am at your local campus. Here you'll engage your training plan as a pod and lead the way in the weekend experience. You'll have the opportunity to engage a Scripture practice, engage a prayer practice, learn a relational skill, and complete your monthly reflection and accountability.

WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday, you'll get to engage in community and serve from 6:15pm-6:40pm. You'll gather to learn Leadership Essentials, engage in meaningful conversations, practice your Scripture memorization, and complete your monthly reflection. Pizza will be provided.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AWARDS

At Valley Creek, our vision is to be a movement of hope for the city and beyond. One of the ways we accomplish that vision is by raising up the next generation of hope carriers through Student Leadership Experience.

This is one of the places where the next generation gets to grow in kingdom culture, practice living out the heart of the gospel, and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus that lives on mission to change their world.

Each year, we recognize students who excel in each of those areas through specific awards:

TRAINING PLAN AWARD

Presented to one student per pod who engaged the training plan with their whole heart.

SCRIPTURE AWARD

Presented to every student who faithfully memorizes and retains all of their memory Scriptures.

KINGDOM CULTURE AWARD

Presented to select students who carry culture by living out the Valley Creek values and godly character in every area of their life.

THREE CIRCLES AWARD

Presented to select students who live out the heart of the gospel by receiving God's grace, experiencing His presence, and releasing His kingdom.

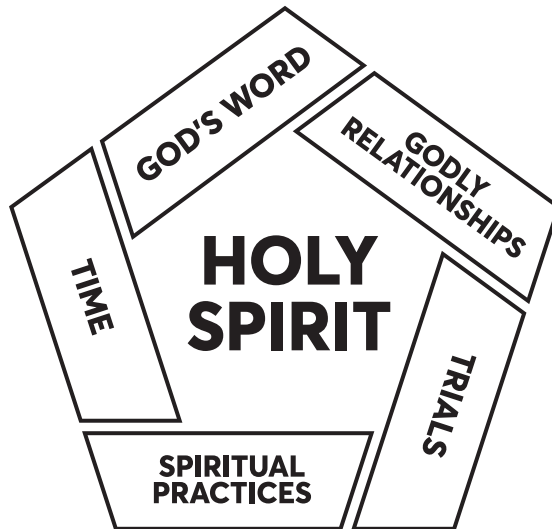
HOPE CARRIER AWARD

Presented to select students who are walking out being a disciple of Jesus that lives on mission to change their world.

MOVEMENT OF HOPE AWARD

Presented to select upperclassmen who embody a movement of hope for the city and beyond. These students live out kingdom culture, the Three Circles, and the life of a hope carrier.

HOW WE CHANGE



Student Leadership Experience is an environment designed to help you grow and change to become more like Jesus. It's a place where you'll learn to live a different way and do the things that Jesus did. Here's something to remember on your Student Leadership Experience journey: we don't actually change ourselves – the Holy Spirit changes us. Through God's Word, godly relationships, trials, spiritual practices, and time, the Holy Spirit is constantly at work in our lives.

This is how we grow as disciples and leaders. The grace of Jesus both saves us and empowers us to do what we could never do on our own – change. As you engage your training plan, the Holy Spirit is forming you into the image and likeness of Jesus to become a person of love. You are loved, and it's going to be an incredible journey!

TRAINING PLAN OVERVIEW

Throughout Student Leadership Experience, you'll engage in a training plan designed to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus and as a kingdom leader. If we want to do the things that Jesus did on the spot, we first have to do the things Jesus did behind the scenes. This doesn't happen on its own or simply by "trying" – it happens through training and practice.

**TRAIN YOURSELF TO BE GODLY. FOR
PHYSICAL TRAINING IS OF SOME VALUE,
BUT GODLINESS HAS VALUE FOR ALL
THINGS, HOLDING PROMISE FOR BOTH THE
PRESENT LIFE AND THE LIFE TO COME.**

1 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

The training plan will help you grow in character and personhood while forming lifelong habits of a leader. It's also there to create healthy rhythms that open you up to experience God's love and walk in the confidence of who you are, who He is, and what you were created to do.

WHAT IS THE TRAINING PLAN?

Each month, the training plan will focus on five spiritual practices, including Scripture, prayer, carry hope, community, and service. Here's an overview of what the training plan will look like each month:

SCRIPTURE

- Engage in the Sunday morning Scripture practice
- Engage in the Valley Creek Reading Plan
 - » Middle school: at least three times each week
 - » High school: at least five times each week
- Memorize the monthly training plan Scripture

PRAYER

- Engage in the Sunday morning prayer practice

CARRY HOPE (LIVING MISSIONALLY)

- Complete the monthly carry hope practice

COMMUNITY

- Build community through engaging in godly relationships, having meaningful conversations, and sharing a meal together on Wednesday nights

SERVICE

- Serve with humility and passion while advancing kingdom culture on Wednesday nights

SCRIPTURE

Part of becoming like Jesus is learning to engage the Scriptures. The heart of this practice is to meet with God. The Bible isn't just a book; it's God's voice. In fact, God's Word shows us what's possible! The Bible isn't about what we have to do for God; it's about what Jesus has already done for us.

As you grow as a disciple, here are a few important things to remember when you engage the Scriptures:

- Engage in God's Word from a Jesus-focused perspective
- Engage in God's Word as a disciple
- Engage in God's Word with Him
- Engage in God's Word with a plan

This practice will help you discover what it looks like to engage in the Scriptures for transformation, not just information. It will also teach you how to arrange your life around the Word of God by committing to:

- Sunday morning Scripture practice: Once a month in your pod, you'll practice engaging in Scripture.
- Valley Creek Reading Plan and weekly takeaways: At least three times a week for middle school and five times a week for high school. This practice will be done on your own time.
- Monthly Scripture: Each month, you'll memorize the Scripture listed under your monthly training plan.

We believe that as you hide God's Word in your heart, you'll grow in understanding your identity, relationship, and purpose. As you lean into the Scripture practice, may you grow a love for God's Word!

PRAYER

Part of becoming like Jesus is learning to pray and connect with God intimately. Prayer is simply talking with God about the life you live together. It's where we experience His presence. This practice will teach you what prayer is and why it matters. It will help you grow in your personal prayer time and build confidence in praying for others as you commit to:

- Sunday morning prayer practice: The prayer practice may include things like praying through Scripture, praying for each other, and praying for our church.

We believe that as you practice prayer, you'll become more aware of God's presence in your life. As you lean into the prayer practice, may you hear His voice with clarity and learn to pray boldly!

CARRY HOPE (LIVING MISSIONALLY)

A hope carrier is a disciple of Jesus living on mission to change their world. Part of becoming like Jesus is learning to live on mission and practicing living for the good of others and the glory of God. Engaging in the monthly practice isn't a formula, and it's not just doing a task. It's partnering with God to release His kingdom and aligning your life with what He's already doing. This practice will teach you to put your faith in action and dream with God about bringing His kingdom to every area of your life – whether at home, at school, or on a team.

As you live as a hope carrier throughout Student Leadership Experience, remember: success is about obedience, not results. So choose to engage by faith, believing that what God is doing in you is just as important as what God is doing through you. You'll walk this out each month with a carry hope practice.

- Monthly carry hope practice: Put your faith into action by completing tasks such as inviting someone to Students or asking if you can pray with them.

COMMUNITY & SERVICE.....

Engaging in community and service is another way we grow as disciples. The heart of this practice is to experience community and serve with humility. You'll have time to share a meal together on Wednesday nights and discover how to have meaningful conversations. You'll also learn to serve with passion on Wednesday nights while advancing kingdom culture by committing to:

- Monthly community practice: Each Wednesday from 6:15pm-6:40pm, you'll practice community by engaging in meaningful conversations and having pizza together.
- Monthly service practice: You'll practice service by engaging in your serving role on a monthly rotation.

MONTHLY TRACKER

WHICH PRACTICES WILL I BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING IN MY TRACKER?

While all of the practices are part of Student Leadership Experience, you'll be responsible to engage in some of them outside of our gatherings throughout each month. This includes completing your monthly carry hope practice, memorizing your monthly Scripture, and engaging the Valley Creek Reading Plan. The practices you engage with on your own will be recorded on your monthly tracker and will be part of what you're accountable for. Here's what the tracker will look like each month:

MONTH ONE	
TRAINING PLAN TRACKER	
 MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE	
Memorize Psalms 1:1-6	AB Student Initials AB Coach Initials
 ENGAGE READING PLAN	
- Engage in the Valley Creek Reading Plan and complete weekly takeaway - Middle school: at least three times each week - High school: at least five times each week	
 SCAN HERE TO SEE TODAY'S CHAPTER	AB Student Initials AB Coach Initials
 CARRY HOPE	
Invite someone who usually doesn't go to Valley Creek to attend Student Circles or MVMNT Night with you.	AB Student Initials AB Coach Initials

On the last Sunday morning of each month, we'll reflect on how we've grown and celebrate what God has done. You'll be held accountable to:

- Recite the monthly memory Scripture
- Show your completed reading plan tracker
- Share your monthly carry hope practice

ACCOUNTABILITY

HOW WILL I BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH?

There may be times during the year when unexpected things come up that keep you from completing your training plan, so every student will have the opportunity to request one Hall Pass. If there's ever a month that you haven't completed your training plan for any reason, simply request the Hall Pass from your Coach during your accountability and reflection time on the last Sunday morning of that month.

Beyond your one Hall Pass, you'll be asked to complete an acknowledgement form if you don't complete your training plan for the month. You'll meet with your Student Director who can help you make a plan moving forward. If you still don't complete your training plan for another month after this conversation, you're choosing to remove yourself from Student Leadership Experience as it's designed for wholehearted participation.

Remember, we're all learning and growing together! Our prayer is that these practices become pathways for you to meet with God. God's grace will give you everything you need for the journey ahead as you grow as a disciple. We believe in you, and your Coaches are available to support and encourage you each step of the way!

MONTH ONE

TRAINING PLAN TRACKER

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

- Memorize Psalms 1:1-6.

Student Initials

Coach Initials

ENGAGE READING PLAN

- Engage in the Valley Creek Reading Plan and complete the weekly takeaway.
 - » Middle school: at least three times each week
 - » High school: at least five times each week



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Student Initials

Coach Initials

CARRY HOPE

- Invite someone who usually doesn't go to Valley Creek to attend Student Circles or MVMNT Night with you.

Student Initials

Coach Initials

**¹ BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO DOES NOT
WALK IN STEP WITH THE WICKED OR STAND
IN THE WAY THAT SINNERS TAKE OR SIT IN
THE COMPANY OF MOCKERS, ² BUT WHOSE
DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD,
AND WHO MEDITATES ON HIS LAW DAY
AND NIGHT. ³ THAT PERSON IS LIKE A TREE
PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER, WHICH
YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN SEASON AND WHOSE
LEAF DOES NOT WITHER – WHATEVER THEY
DO PROSPERS. ⁴ NOT SO THE WICKED! THEY
ARE LIKE CHAFF THAT THE WIND BLOWS
AWAY. ⁵ THEREFORE THE WICKED WILL NOT
STAND IN THE JUDGMENT, NOR SINNERS IN
THE ASSEMBLY OF THE RIGHTEOUS. ⁶ FOR
THE LORD WATCHES OVER THE WAY OF THE
RIGHTEOUS, BUT THE WAY OF THE WICKED
LEADS TO DESTRUCTION.**

PSALMS 1:1-6

ENGAGE THE READING PLAN

Write down the chapters you read to count the total number of days you read each week (Monday-Sunday). At the end of the week, write down your one-sentence takeaway to share with your Coaches.

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WEEK TWO Chapters read

TOTAL

WEEK THREE Chapters read

TOTAL

WEEK FOUR Chapters read

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WEEK FIVE Chapters read

TOTAL

WEEK ONE TAKEAWAY: _____

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WEEK THREE TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK FOUR TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK FIVE TAKEAWAY: _____

CARRY HOPE

on your own | complete by october 4

This practice trains you to live as a hope carrier: a disciple of Jesus living on mission to change their world.

Invite someone who usually doesn't go to Valley Creek to attend Student Circles or MVMNT Night with you. Write down the name of the person you invited and what you learned about yourself as you made the invitation.

LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS

wednesday night | september 9

LEADERS: _____

HOW DO I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? _____

SCRIPTURE PRACTICE

sunday morning | september 13

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE PRACTICE IS: _____

HOW DID I EXPERIENCE GOD?

WHAT'S MY ONE-SENTENCE KEY TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S
SCRIPTURE PRACTICE?

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

wednesday night | september 16

STUDENT I CONNECTED WITH: _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT THEM? _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF? _____

PRAYER PRACTICE

sunday morning | september 20

THIS MONTH'S PRAYER PRACTICE IS: _____

HOW DID I EXPERIENCE GOD?

WHAT'S MY ONE-SENTENCE KEY TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S PRAYER PRACTICE?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

wednesday night | september 23

Using the first letter of every word, fill in the rest to complete the Scripture!

B_____ I_____ T_____ O_____ W_____ D_____ N_____ W_____
I_____ S_____ W_____ T_____ W_____ O_____ S_____ I_____
T_____ W_____ T_____ S_____ T_____ O_____ S_____ I_____
T_____ C_____ O_____ M_____, B_____ W_____
D_____ I_____ I_____ T_____ L_____ O_____ T_____ L_____,
A_____ W_____ M_____ O_____ H_____ L_____ D_____
A_____ N_____. T_____ P_____ I_____ L_____ A T_____
P_____ B_____ S_____ O_____ W_____, W_____
Y_____ I_____ F_____ I_____ S_____ A_____ W_____
L_____ D_____ N_____ W_____ - W_____
T_____ D_____ P_____. N_____ S_____ T_____ W_____!
T_____ A_____ L_____ C_____ T_____ T_____ W_____
B_____ A_____. T_____ T_____ W_____
W_____ N_____ S_____ I_____ T_____ J_____,
N_____ S_____ I_____ T_____ A_____ O_____ T_____
R_____. F_____ T_____ L_____ W_____ O_____ T_____
W_____ O_____ T_____ R_____, B_____ T_____ W_____ O_____
T_____ W_____ L_____ T_____ D_____.

PSALMS 1:1-6

wednesday night | september 23

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RELATIONAL SKILLS

sunday morning | september 27

This practice will help you become the kind of leader others want to follow – kind, trustworthy, and good at working with people. This practice trains you to initiate meaningful conversations, practice active listening, and build strong friendships.

RELATIONAL SKILL: _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF? _____

ACCOUNTABILITY & REFLECTION

wednesday night | september 30

As a pod, it's time to reflect on how we've grown as kingdom leaders and disciples of Jesus. This monthly accountability and reflection will allow you to pay attention and call attention to God's goodness and grace at work in your life. It will also hold you accountable to the training plan and practices you committed to. You'll have the opportunity to share your completed summary questions and monthly tracker with your pod. This is what our time of accountability and reflection will look like:

ACCOUNTABILITY (MONTHLY TRACKER):

- Recite the monthly memory Scripture
- Show your completed reading plan tracker
- Share about your monthly carry hope practice
- Discuss your answers to the monthly summary questions on pages 28-29

sunday morning | october 4

MONTHLY REFLECTION

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WHAT DID I LEARN THROUGH ENGAGING IN MY TRAINING PLAN?

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WHAT'S ONE THING I AM PLAYING FORWARD FOR NEXT MONTH?

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MONTH TWO

TRAINING PLAN TRACKER

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

- Memorize Matthew 5:3-10.

Student Initials

Coach Initials

ENGAGE READING PLAN

- Engage in the Valley Creek Reading Plan and complete the weekly takeaway.
 - » Middle school: at least three times each week
 - » High school: at least five times each week



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Student Initials

Coach Initials

CARRY HOPE

- Express gratitude to someone who serves or leads at church. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you how you can speak life into them.

Student Initials

Coach Initials

**³ "BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR
THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

**⁴ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR
THEY WILL BE COMFORTED. ⁵ BLESSED**

**ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT
THE EARTH. ⁶ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO**

**HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED. ⁷ BLESSED ARE**

**THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN
MERCY. ⁸ BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,**

**FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD. ⁹ BLESSED ARE
THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE**

CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD. ¹⁰ BLESSED ARE

**THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEIRS IS THE**

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."

MATTHEW 5:3-10

ENGAGE THE READING PLAN

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WEEK ONE TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK TWO TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK THREE TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK FOUR TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK FIVE TAKEAWAY: _____

CARRY HOPE

on your own | complete by november 1

This practice trains you to live as a hope carrier: a disciple of Jesus living on mission to change their world.

Express gratitude to someone who serves or leads at church. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you how you can speak life into them. Capture what you learned about expressing gratitude and yourself below.

LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS

wednesday night | october 7

LEADERS: _____

HOW DO I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? _____

SCRIPTURE PRACTICE

sunday morning | october 11

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE PRACTICE IS: _____

HOW DID I EXPERIENCE GOD?

WHAT'S MY ONE-SENTENCE KEY TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S
SCRIPTURE PRACTICE?

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

wednesday night | october 14

STUDENT I CONNECTED WITH: _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT THEM? _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF? _____

PRAYER PRACTICE

sunday morning | october 18

THIS MONTH'S PRAYER PRACTICE IS: _____

HOW DID I EXPERIENCE GOD?

WHAT'S MY ONE-SENTENCE KEY TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S PRAYER PRACTICE?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

wednesday night | october 21

Using the words below, fill in the rest to complete the Scripture!

"BLESSED _____ POOR _____, _____ THEIRS
_____ KINGDOM _____.
_____ WHO MOURN, _____
_____ COMFORTED. BLESSED _____
_____ MEEK, _____ INHERIT _____.
BLESSED _____ HUNGER _____
_____ RIGHTEOUSNESS, _____ WILL _____.
_____ MERCIFUL, _____ WILL
_____ MERCY. _____
PURE _____ HEART, _____ WILL _____.
BLESSED _____ PEACEMAKERS, _____ THEY
_____ CALLED _____ OF _____.
_____ THOSE _____ PERSECUTED
_____ RIGHTEOUSNESS, _____
IS _____ KINGDOM _____.

MATTHEW 5:3-10

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

wednesday night | october 21

Write our monthly Scripture by memory on the lines below:

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RELATIONAL SKILLS

sunday morning | october 25

This practice will help you become the kind of leader others want to follow – kind, trustworthy, and good at working with people. This practice trains you to initiate meaningful conversations, practice active listening, and build strong friendships.

RELATIONAL SKILL: _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF? _____

ACCOUNTABILITY & REFLECTION

wednesday night | october 28

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ACCOUNTABILITY (MONTHLY TRACKER):

- Recite the monthly memory Scripture
- Show your completed reading plan tracker
- Share about your monthly carry hope practice
- Discuss your answers to the monthly summary questions on pages 42-43

sunday morning | november 1

MONTHLY REFLECTION

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WHAT'S ONE THING I AM PLAYING FORWARD FOR NEXT MONTH?

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MONTH THREE

TRAINING PLAN TRACKER

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

- Memorize Genesis 1:26-28.

Student Initials

Coach Initials

ENGAGE READING PLAN

- Engage in the Valley Creek Reading Plan and complete the weekly takeaway.
 - » Middle school: at least three times each week
 - » High school: at least five times each week



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Student Initials

Coach Initials

CARRY HOPE

- Have a conversation with someone outside of Student Leadership about what the monthly Scripture is teaching you about God.

Student Initials

Coach Initials

**²⁶ THEN GOD SAID, "LET US MAKE MANKIND
IN OUR IMAGE, IN OUR LIKENESS, SO THAT
THEY MAY RULE OVER THE FISH IN THE
SEA AND THE BIRDS IN THE SKY, OVER THE
LIVESTOCK AND ALL THE WILD ANIMALS,
AND OVER ALL THE CREATURES THAT MOVE
ALONG THE GROUND." ²⁷ SO GOD CREATED
MANKIND IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE
OF GOD HE CREATED THEM; MALE AND
FEMALE HE CREATED THEM. ²⁸ GOD BLESSED
THEM AND SAID TO THEM, "BE FRUITFUL AND
INCREASE IN NUMBER; FILL THE EARTH AND
SUBDUE IT. RULE OVER THE FISH IN THE SEA
AND THE BIRDS IN THE SKY AND OVER
EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT MOVES
ON THE GROUND."**

GENESIS 1:26-28

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WEEK TWO TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK THREE TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK FOUR TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK FIVE TAKEAWAY: _____

CARRY HOPE

on your own | complete by december 6

This practice trains you to live as a hope carrier: a disciple of Jesus living on mission to change their world.

Have a conversation with someone outside of Student Leadership about what the monthly Scripture is teaching you about God. Write down who you talked to and what God showed you during the conversation.

LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS

wednesday night | november 4

LEADERS: _____

HOW DO I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? _____

SCRIPTURE PRACTICE

sunday morning | november 8

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE PRACTICE IS: _____

HOW DID I EXPERIENCE GOD?

WHAT'S MY ONE-SENTENCE KEY TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S
SCRIPTURE PRACTICE?

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

wednesday night | november 11

STUDENT I CONNECTED WITH: _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT THEM? _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF? _____

PRAYER PRACTICE

sunday morning | november 15

THIS MONTH'S PRAYER PRACTICE IS: _____

HOW DID I EXPERIENCE GOD?

WHAT'S MY ONE-SENTENCE KEY TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S PRAYER PRACTICE?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

wednesday night | november 18

Using the first letter of every word partner up with someone and practice saying the Scripture!

T G S, "L U M M I O I, I O
L, S T T M R O T F I T S A
T B I T S, O T L A A T W A,
A O A T C T M A T G." S
G C M I H O I, I T I O G H
C T; M A F H C T. G B T A
S T T, "B F A I I N; F T E A
S I. R O T F I T S A T B I T
S A O E L C T M O T G."

GENESIS 1:26-28

wednesday night | november 18

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RELATIONAL SKILLS

sunday morning | november 22

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RELATIONAL SKILL: _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF? _____

ACCOUNTABILITY & REFLECTION

wednesday night | december 2

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MONTHLY REFLECTION

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WHAT DID I LEARN THROUGH ENGAGING IN MY TRAINING PLAN?

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WHAT'S ONE THING I AM PLAYING FORWARD FOR NEXT MONTH?

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MONTH FOUR

TRAINING PLAN TRACKER

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

- Memorize Psalms 119:33-40.

Student Initials

Coach Initials

ENGAGE READING PLAN

- Engage in the Valley Creek Reading Plan and complete the weekly takeaway.
 - » Middle school: at least three times each week
 - » High school: at least five times each week



**SCAN HERE TO SEE
TODAY'S CHAPTER**

Student Initials

Coach Initials

CARRY HOPE

- Write a note of gratitude to a teacher, sports coach, band director, etc. Invite the Holy Spirit to give you a word of encouragement or a Scripture to share with them.

Student Initials

Coach Initials

**³³ TEACH ME, LORD, THE WAY OF YOUR
DECREES, THAT I MAY FOLLOW IT TO THE
END. ³⁴ GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING, SO THAT
I MAY KEEP YOUR LAW AND OBEY IT WITH
ALL MY HEART. ³⁵ DIRECT ME IN THE PATH
OF YOUR COMMANDS, FOR THERE I FIND
DELIGHT. ³⁶ TURN MY HEART TOWARD YOUR
STATUTES AND NOT TOWARD SELFISH GAIN.**

**³⁷ TURN MY EYES AWAY FROM WORTHLESS
THINGS; PRESERVE MY LIFE ACCORDING
TO YOUR WORD. ³⁸ FULFILL YOUR PROMISE
TO YOUR SERVANT, SO THAT YOU MAY BE
FEARED. ³⁹ TAKE AWAY THE DISGRACE I
DREAD, FOR YOUR LAWS ARE GOOD.**

**⁴⁰ HOW I LONG FOR YOUR PRECEPTS! IN
YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS PRESERVE MY LIFE.**

ENGAGE THE READING PLAN

Write down the chapters you read to count the total number of days you read each week (Monday-Sunday). At the end of the week, write down your one-sentence takeaway to share with your Coaches.

WEEK ONE Chapters read

TOTAL

WEEK TWO Chapters read

TOTAL

WEEK THREE Chapters read

TOTAL

WEEK FOUR Chapters read

TOTAL

WEEK FIVE Chapters read

TOTAL

WEEK ONE TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK TWO TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK THREE TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK FOUR TAKEAWAY: _____

WEEK FIVE TAKEAWAY: _____

CARRY HOPE

on your own | complete by january 10

This practice trains you to live as a hope carrier: a disciple of Jesus living on mission to change their world.

Write a note of gratitude to a teacher, sports coach, band director, etc. Invite the Holy Spirit to give you a word of encouragement or a Scripture to share with them. Write down the name of the person and how you experienced God as you expressed gratitude.

LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS

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LEADERS: _____

HOW DO I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? _____

SCRIPTURE PRACTICE

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THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE PRACTICE IS: _____

HOW DID I EXPERIENCE GOD?

WHAT'S MY ONE-SENTENCE KEY TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S
SCRIPTURE PRACTICE?

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

on your own

STUDENT I CONNECTED WITH: _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT THEM? _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF? _____

PRAYER PRACTICE

on your own

THIS MONTH'S PRAYER PRACTICE IS: _____

HOW DID I EXPERIENCE GOD?

WHAT'S MY ONE-SENTENCE KEY TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S PRAYER PRACTICE?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

on your own

Using the blanks, fill in the Scripture!

_____, L_____, _____ D_____,
_____ I _____ E_____. _____
_____, S_____ I _____
_____. D_____
_____ P_____,
_____ I _____. T_____
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T_____ M_____
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_____ W_____. _____
_____ S_____,
_____. T_____
_____ I _____, F_____
_____. I _____
_____ ! I _____
_____ L_____.

PSALMS 119:33-40

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

on your own

Write our monthly Scripture by memory on the lines below:

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RELATIONAL SKILLS

on your own

This practice will help you become the kind of leader others want to follow – kind, trustworthy, and good at working with people. This practice trains you to initiate meaningful conversations, practice active listening, and build strong friendships.

RELATIONAL SKILL: _____

WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF? _____

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LEADERSHIP RESOURCES

VISION & VALUES

OUR VISION IS TO BE A MOVEMENT OF HOPE FOR THE CITY AND BEYOND.

While our vision is important, our culture is even more important. That's because our vision is what we do, but our culture is who we are. Our culture is shaped by our values. They're our DNA, or the heartbeat of who we are. Everything you enjoy about our church and Student Leadership Experience flows from these kingdom values.

WE ARE JESUS-FOCUSED, SPIRIT-FILLED, LIFE-GIVING

Jesus-focused: We're more focused on what Jesus has done for us than what we have to do for Him.

Spirit-filled: We walk in the character and power of Jesus.

Life-giving: We're on mission to receive and release the life of Jesus wherever we go.

WE ARE QUICK TO REPENT

We want to think like God.

WE PURSUE UNITY WITH EVERYTHING WE HAVE

Our anointing is found in our unity.

WE ARE A FAMILY ON MISSION

We are beloved sons and daughters releasing our Father's kingdom.

WE DO EVERYTHING WITH ALL OUR HEART

Jesus is worthy of our all.

WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF GOD

We are a worshipping church.

WE LOVE GOD'S WORD

We value His voice above all others.

WE EMBRACE THE PROCESS

The journey is the destination.

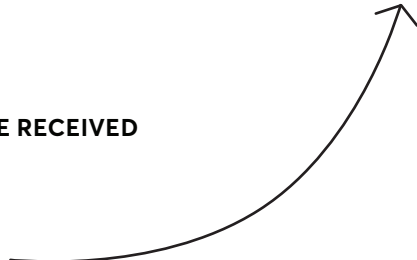
WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED

We owe the world what God has done for us.

WE BELIEVE THERE IS ALWAYS MORE

There's no end to God's kingdom.

Our culture isn't what we declare it to be; it's what other people experience it to be. Our culture is primarily created and protected by our leaders living out our values. Which of the values do you need to embrace and embody in your leadership?



OUR BELIEFS

THIS IS OUR CORE THEOLOGY

Theology is simply what we believe about God. And while theology can be overwhelming, all of our beliefs can be summarized by these four truths. Even though these truths may seem simple, they are incredibly deep and incredibly profound.

GOD IS GOOD

- Genesis 1:31
- Psalms 136:1
- John 3:16-17
- Acts 10:38
- 1 John 4:16

JESUS HAS FORGIVEN ME

- Psalms 103:3
- Acts 2:38
- Romans 8:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Hebrews 8:12

I AM LOVED

- Jeremiah 31:3
- Romans 8:38-39
- 1 John 3:1
- 1 John 4:10
- 1 John 4:19

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

- Luke 1:37
- Luke 4:18-19
- Romans 8:11
- Romans 8:31-32
- Ephesians 3:20

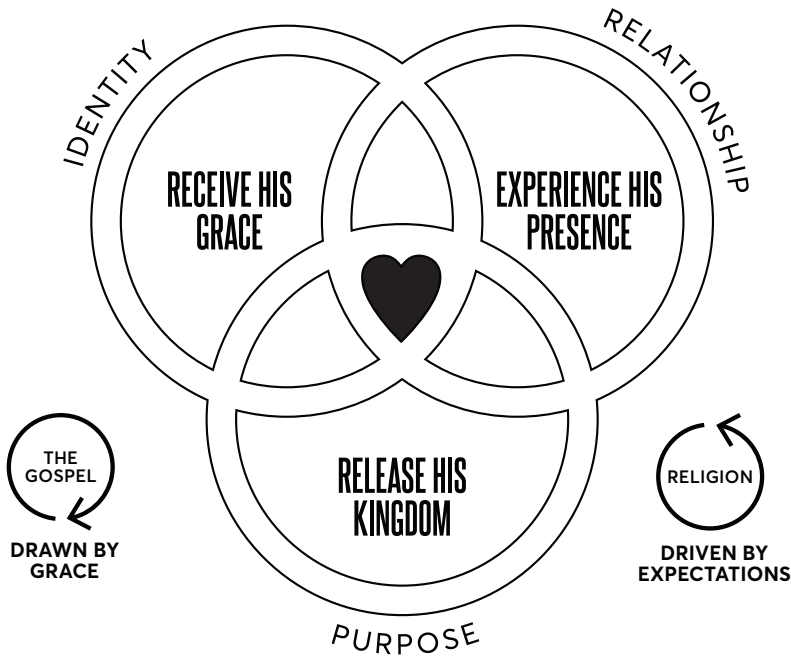
THE THREE CIRCLES

IDENTITY

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| ☐ Romans 5:19 | ☐ Ephesians 2:8-9 |
| ☐ John 1:12 | ☐ 2 Corinthians 5:17 |
| ☐ 1 John 4:17 | ☐ 2 Corinthians 5:21 |
| ☐ Matthew 3:17 | ☐ Hebrews 8:12 |

RELATIONSHIP

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Hebrews 4:16 | ☐ Ephesians 3:12 |
| ☐ Ephesians 3:19 | ☐ 2 Corinthians 5:18 |
| ☐ Hebrews 13:5 | ☐ 2 Corinthians 6:18 |
| ☐ Galatians 5:25 | ☐ Ephesians 2:19-22 |



PURPOSE

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Genesis 1:28 | ☐ Luke 17:21 |
| ☐ Matthew 28:18-20 | ☐ Ephesians 2:10 |
| ☐ Matthew 16:18-19 | ☐ Acts 1:8 |
| ☐ John 20:21 | ☐ 2 Corinthians 5:20 |

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

The things we spend our time thinking about matter because the way we think changes the way we live. As disciples of Jesus, instead of dwelling on the things of the world, we get to dwell on the things of God. In fact, in Philippians 4, Paul says “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” There’s nothing more true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy than the Word of God! When we think about Scripture, turn it over in our minds, dwell on it, or, in other words, meditate on it, we’re transformed from the inside out. We become more like Jesus.

When we take the time to actually memorize Scripture, it molds and shapes us as we meditate on it. Not only that, but it’s also hidden in our hearts to encourage, protect, and strengthen us when we need it most.

TIPS FOR MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE:

- Take the Scripture you’re memorizing and write down the first letter of each word. Then, try saying the whole Scripture looking only at those letters.
- Put the Scripture to a familiar tune and try singing it.
- Write the Scripture down as many times as you can. The first few times you write the Scripture, copy it. Then, try writing it from memory one word at a time until you can write the whole Scripture.
- Find a partner to memorize the Scripture with. You can even make it a game and quiz each other by having each other fill in the blanks.

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

These are examples of questions you can use to have increasingly meaningful conversations and build relationships with the people of God. Too often, our conversations stay at the surface level and never move to a place where we start to truly connect with each other.

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

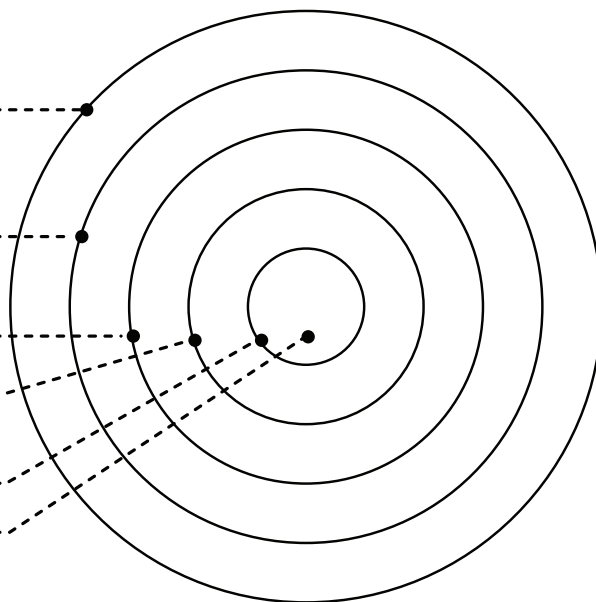
**TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOU.
(ASK ABOUT FAMILY, WORK,
BACKGROUND, INTERESTS, ETC.)**

**WHAT'S THIS SEASON
BEEN LIKE FOR YOU?**

WHAT'S GOD BEEN SAYING TO YOU?

**WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP GOD
IS ASKING YOU TO TAKE?**

HOW'S YOUR HEART?



HOW TO RESPOND IN A MEANINGFUL WAY:

- **LISTEN** – Listen with your ears and your heart.
- **LOOK THEM IN THE EYE** – Be present and focused on them.
- **RESPOND TO WHAT THEY SAY** – Acknowledge their answers with interest, encouragement, and compassion.
- **ASK FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS** – Take the conversation deeper ("Tell me more.", "How does that make you feel?", "How can I help?")
- **DON'T TALK ABOUT YOURSELF** – This isn't about you!
- **PRAY FOR THEM** – Either in the moment or during the week.
- **FOLLOW UP** – People feel loved and valued when you remember what they said and respond.