

## respond. Student Leadership

Dear Student,

I would like to take this opportunity to officially invite you to be a part of the respond. student leadership team. It is my belief that in order to take our ministry to the next level, the cultivation of student leaders is a must! In order to do this, we are bringing back our student leadership team. The details of this team can be found in the rest of this packet, but here is a summary of this team:

This team will consist of students in grades 7-12 who are committed to respond. student ministries. The team will have regular meetings where we will work on developing leadership skills and habits. We will also utilize these meetings to put into practice what we are learning. The student leadership team will have numerous opportunities to shape the future of our ministry.

If this is something that you think you might be interested in, please continue through this packet. Enclosed, you will find a page with more details on the program itself. You will also find a list of expectations of a student leader. Finally, you will find an application for joining the team. As you will see, our first meeting will be held on March 5. Your application will be due at that first meeting.

It is my desire that you would prayerfully consider joining our student leadership team. Even if your first reaction is "I'm not a leader", I dare you to think again and give this serious consideration.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions!

Pastor Josh

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**What:** A leadership program for students in respond. Student Ministries that will train and develop student leaders who take ownership of the youth ministry with the goal of handing over keys to all aspects of the youth ministry to these student leaders.

**Why:** This program will provide an opportunity for respond. Student Ministries to:

- Identify potential student leaders within our youth group
- Invest in the most committed students
- Hand over the keys to our ministry to student leaders
- Do more than simply assign tasks to students; it will allow students to take ownership
- Helps students invest in other students

**When:** Leadership training classes will take place during the 9:00 service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. We will also hold a shorter 30 minute meeting after youth group on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Eligibility to participate:** This leadership program is open to any 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student who meets the following requirements:

- In a growing relationship with Christ
- Maintains a character that represents respond. Student Ministries well
- Willing to commit to ongoing involvement in at least one area of ministry at Marysville Church of the Nazarene
- Regularly attends Sunday night youth worship services
- Regularly participates in youth small groups
- Attends the majority of respond. Student Ministries' events
- Must attend the 10:30 service on the days that we have training during the 9:00 service
- Must attend 7/9 morning training sessions (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month) and 6/8 Sunday evening meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month).

### 2023 Training/Meeting Schedule:

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| March 5 – 7:00 PM  | August 27 – 9:00 AM (Training: Leaders are Obedient)       |
| March 26 – 9:00 AM (Training: Why Study Leadership)      | September 3 – NO MEETING DUE TO LABOR DAY                  |
| April 2 – 7:00 PM  | September 24 – 9:00 AM (Training: Leaders are Courageous)  |
| April 23 – 9:00 AM (Training: Leadership Can Be Learned) | October 1 – 7:00 PM  |
| May 7 – 7:00 PM  | October 22 – 9:00 AM (Training: Leaders Are Compassionate) |
| May 28 – 9:00 AM (Training: Leadership - Being & Doing)  | November 5 – NO MEETING DUE TO FALL RETREAT                |
| June 4 – 7:00 PM   | November 26 – 9:00 AM (Training: TBD)                      |
| June 25 – 9:00 AM (Training: Leaders Are Humble)         | December 3 – 7:00 PM                                       |
| July 2 – 7:00 PM   | December 24 – NO TRAINING DUE TO CHRISTMAS                 |
| July 23 – 9:00 AM (Training: Leaders Are Committed)      |  |
| August 6 – 7:00 PM                                       |  |

**Retreat:** A student leader retreat \*may\* be added to the calendar at some point

**Practice:** Not only will this program train student leaders, it will also give them the opportunity to practice student leadership. Students will participate in leading in the following ways:

- Identifying a ministry within the church in which they can be involved in on a regular basis
- Identifying a ministry within respond. Student Ministries in which they can be involved in
- Student-led fun event
- Student-led outreach event
- Student-led Sunday night youth gathering
- Calendar planning

## Is respond. Student Leadership right for you?

Leadership demands expectations. Leaders will be held to a high standard. As a result, respond. Student Leadership team insists that student leaders meet stringent requirements.

The profile of a student leader is...

- ✦ A servant
- ✦ Humility
- ✦ Growing spiritually
- ✦ Genuine and transparent
- ✦ Publicly supports leadership and their decisions
- ✦ Makes visitors feel welcome at events and programs
- ✦ Participates in the majority of major youth group events
- ✦ Genuinely friendly
- ✦ Has a good reputation with peers
- ✦ Has a character that represents respond. Student Ministries well

Those participating respond. Student Leadership are expected to be the most faithful and consistent participants in the youth group. Leaders are present! While noting that there are times when one cannot be present, respond. student leaders are expected to faithfully attend the following, with any exceptions being discussed with Pastor Josh ahead of time:

- ✦ Sunday Morning Worship
- ✦ Sunday Evening respond. Worship (must be at an average of 3 out of 4)
- ✦ Youth small groups
- ✦ respond. Student Leadership meetings (generally held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after youth group and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month during the 9:00 service. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, student leaders are expected to be in service for the 10:30 worship service).

### Next Steps:

1. Pray about this decision. Discuss it with Pastor Josh if you need to. Discuss it with your parents.
2. Complete the application. Write clearly. Bring this application with you to the first meeting on March 5.
3. Show up to our first meeting at 7:00 on March 5.
4. Begin praying that God would use you to do great things in our youth ministry.



5) Tell me about 1 person you have attempted to share Christ with in the last month (this can be through words or through actions).

6) List any extracurricular activities you participate in, including clubs, sports, church, etc.

7) Do you currently have a job? If so, where?

8) Is there anything that would hinder you from consistently attending Sunday morning worship, Sunday night youth worship, small groups, and Student Leadership meetings?

I pledge to faithfully and consistently attend the programs and ministries listed on page 3. Failure to meet the expectations set on page 3 may result in my dismissal from respond. Student Leadership.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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