

RUSH Student Leadership Team

Interested in growing more in your walk? Wondering if Student Leadership is your right next step? Take a look at the information below.

- What is a student leader?
 - Someone who is willing to be a ministry PRODUCER, and not just a ministry CONSUMER
 - Someone who is willing to SERVE
 - **THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF LEADERSHIP = SERVICE**
 - Jesus was the best leader who ever walked the earth, and modeled leadership by SERVING the people around him

- What is / will be expected of me?
 - Must be a devoted follower of Jesus
 - We're following his example... you can't follow someone you don't know
 - You'll be challenged to share the gospel with others... you can't teach what you don't know
 - Faithful
 - * Must demonstrate faithful attendance at church and (a minimum of 1 semester) at RUSH
 - We can't have you LEAD if you're not even doing what we're asking of other students
 - * Must be serving monthly in a non-RUSH **Crossroads** ministry
 - Available
 - * Willing to make this team a priority
 - For most of you, the hardest part will be the available
 - Sports, Campus Life, school, other commitments
 - But we will EXPECT you to be a part of this, and make it a priority
 - * Willingness and ability to serve at RUSH as asked
 - Teachable
 - * You want to learn, grow, and lead
 - I know you want to learn, and you want to grow... but you also have to want to LEAD...
 - You're willing to ASK for help (for starters)
 - You're willing to TAKE feedback, even when it's not easy
 - You're willing to PRAY through the feedback and make adjustments
 - * Willing to complete any assigned tasks or homework from meetings
 - * Willing to handle conflict Biblically (according to Matthew 18)
 - * Willing to be pushed out of your comfort zone (for example, leaving your friends to go introduce yourself to a new student or a student sitting alone)
 - You'll be encouraged to bring your friends with, but when they won't go, you're still willing
 - We're going to hold you accountable to ALL of these

- If you're not coming to church and RUSH consistently...
- If you're not available to make these meetings consistently...
- If you're not teachable, and willing to allow God to push you in areas that we discuss...
- We're going to discuss what it means for your continued involvement on this team...
- This is not to be harsh!!
 - **Luke 12.48:** *From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.*
- What will this team do?
 - Short-term vision
 - 1. Discipleship – We will intentionally disciple each of you to push you further and help you grow
 - 2. Ministry – We want to see each of you not only be ministry consumers but also ministry producers
 - That will look differently for all of you...
 - So ½ TEACH... and ½ DO...
 - We have a LIVE curriculum designed for student leadership
 - We're going to have fun... we're going to stretch you...
 - Long-term vision
 - Student leaders take over more and more leadership of this ministry – events, lessons, small groups, etc.
 - We will help coach YOU, so you can coach / lead others
 - Student leaders may be asked to lead small group discussions (with input prior and feedback afterward from small group leaders)
- Qualifications according to 1 Timothy 3:
 - 1. Desire (v.1) - INTERNAL
 - this one's more subjective or internal
 - An individual needs to *want* to be a leader
 - No one should be forced, coerced, or manipulated to become a leader against his/her will
 - **1 Peter 5.1-5:** *To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*
 - Difference between being compelled by God (I'm called to do this) and compelled by a human or your youth pastor (I want to do this)
 - **If there's not a deep, heartfelt desire, you're probably not called by God (at least right now) for leadership
 - You also have to desire to do it for the right reasons as outlined above in 1 Peter 5
 - The rest / following are EXTERNAL
 - 2. Above reproach (v.2) and good reputation with outsiders (v.7)

- To live in such a way that your lifestyle gives others no cause to think badly of the Lord or of you
 - Includes with the members of the church
 - Involves how others see and appraise you
 - People in your circles of influence – your schools, your sports teams, your music/drama casts, etc
- 3. Temperate and self-controlled (v.2)
 - You need to be able to handle your emotions
 - Not given to drunkenness, violence, quarrels, or money... these all obviously may not apply to you, but the point is that a leader needs to have self-control
 - Husband of one wife – self-control over sexual temptations
- 4. Must be able to teach (v.2)
 - This relates more to spiritual gifting rather than character qualities
 - This is an area that I will help you develop further...
- 5. Need to manage own family well (v.4) –
 - Doesn't necessarily apply here
 - But the principle is that you're leading at home as well...
- 6. Humble, not proud (v.6)
 - Share power as opposed to consolidate for themselves
 - The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve
 - The key here is the virtue of humility – Jesus exemplified it, and we as leaders MUST also
 - Take great pains to avoid pride
 - Greater the position, the greater the chance to fall
- 7. More of a present orientation than a past
 - They deal more with the present state of a person's life than their past
 - These are all present tense verbs... these qualifications relate more to who a person IS than who a person WAS
- The person is very important...
- I'm interested... So what's next?
 - Just because you apply, does not mean you are automatically on the team
 - 1. Pray
 - 2. Review this information with your parent(s).
 - 3. Contact us for an application: Mary Graves (Middle School) @ mary.graves@crossroadsheboygan.org or Christina Katsma (High School) @ christina.katsma@crossroadsheboygan.org.

Thank you for your interest in Student Leadership. We look forward to hearing from you and helping you grow in your walk!

The RUSH Leadership Team