

ANGLICAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

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TAKE THE LEAD

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WORKBOOK

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leaders have influence

The dictionary defines influence as:

1: The _____ to cause _____ without directly _____ them to happen.

2: A person or thing that _____ someone or something in an _____ way.

Leaders are people who others will follow. They _____ people to move in a certain direction.

Influence doesn't come _____ when you are given a job or title.

Influence is different to _____ that people are following your _____ because they want to be like you rather than just obeying your commands because they have to.

Influence is first and foremost about being a _____ _____.

Who has had a positive influence on you? What about them inspired you to follow their example?

Identify where you have influence. Are there specific individuals that look up to you? Are there some groups or settings where you feel you have more influence than you do elsewhere?

Read 2 Corinthians 2:15. This verse calls us the ‘aroma of Christ’. As a leader you bring a ‘smell’ with you - you influence the atmosphere through your words, attitudes and actions. What kind of ‘smell’ do you think you bring to youth group?

You need to _____ your words, attitudes and actions.

Imagine that it is 20 years in the future. Now imagine that one of the kids who were in your youth group 20 years earlier is writing a letter to you, thanking you for being such a good influence on them all those years ago, and telling you of the impact you had on their life. What qualities/characteristics would you want people to be able to say about you in that scenario? Have a go writing the letter you would hope to receive.

***Leadership is about the example you’re giving,
not the title you’re given.***

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leaders have integrity

Integrity is about being a leader who _____ what they _____

It's about being _____ and of good _____ .

For Christian leadership this requires being a _____ first and of _____ second.

Read Matthew 23:1-7,25-28. Why was Jesus critical of the Pharisees?

Who is someone you look up to? How would you feel if you found out something really bad was going on?

When leaders 'fall' it can be hugely _____ for the people they are leading.

However it's important to realize that integrity doesn't mean _____.

No one is _____ from making mistakes.

If we handle our failures well, God can take our _____ and turn it into a

_____!

List the different 'settings' in your life: eg home, work, school, friends, church, sports, social media. Can you identify any areas in each of those settings where you lack integrity?

SETTING	AREAS LACKING INTEGRITY
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____

Integrity is best seen when you think no one is looking.

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leaders have initiative

This session is called 'Leaders Have Initiative'. What do you understand initiative to be?

Leaders are _____ .

They don't just follow the crowd, they are _____

Initiative is about seeing what needs to be done and then _____ accordingly.

Tick which of the following you are good at taking initiative to do:

- I often start setting things up e.g. chairs, supper, equipment without being asked
- I notice mess/rubbish/spilt drinks etc. and clean them up
- When there are newcomers I try and make sure they are included in conversations, games etc
- If I see someone sitting by themselves, I go and sit with them
- When I see something dangerous happening I stop it from continuing
- I often ask my youth pastor what I can do to help
- When nothing is happening I try and start some kind of impromptu game
- I notice when people don't come to youth group and I contact them to say we missed them

What stops you from taking initiative more often?

Think about the gaps in your youth group. What isn't happening? Looking at some of those gaps... what are you going to do about it? (Think practical and focus on what you are going to do... not what you think your youth pastor should do). Present your idea to the group.

Leaders don't expect everything to happen on its own, so they _____ and give things a go.

Leaders don't need to be asked... Leaders ask what is needed.

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leaders have imagination

Leaders are _____.

They are not restricted by _____, instead they predict _____ .

Do you have any dreams for your life?

What do you like about Martin Luther King Jr's "I have a dream" speech?

Imagination gives us the _____ to pursue what could happen.

Think about someone who at the moment doesn't look like they're really that interested in following God, or someone that is struggling with a lot of issues. It could be someone in your youth group, or someone at school/work or someone at home. Imagine what it might look like if they were radically transformed. What do you see?

Imagination has two enemies: _____ (or the fear of) and _____.

Leaders are visionaries. They look at deserts and see oceans.

bible reading guide

Here are some extra Bible readings you might like to do.

There are four readings per session, looking at one of the I's. Enjoy!

1. influence

2 SAMUEL 21:15-22

David was a man of great courage and faith, famously defeating a giant at a young age. In this passage we see that those who followed him also became people of great courage and faith, defeating four of Goliath's giant relatives!

Who do you look up to as an example of courage and faith?

What have they done/what are they doing now that you want to do?

EXODUS 33:7-11

Moses' worship stirred up the whole community to worship. His friendship with God inspired Joshua to seek after the same.

Who do you look up to as having a close relationship with God?

What could you do in your worship to inspire others to seek God with all their hearts?

JOHN 13:1-17

Jesus washed his disciples' feet as an example to them of a servant-hearted leader.

Who do you look up to as someone who leads with humility and puts others first?

In what ways could you do the same?

2 TIMOTHY 1:5

Timothy received a faith that had been passed down from his grandmother Lois to his mother Eunice to him.

Spend some time thanking God for the 'Lois's and 'Eunice's he has put in your life - those family members, church members, friends, authors or preachers etc who have influenced you in your faith journey.

Now identify the 'Timothy's in your life - those people who you have influence with and are helping in their growth. Thank God for putting them in your life too, and spend some time praying for them.

2. integrity

2 SAMUEL 11:1-27

King David impregnates a married woman named Bathsheba. He attempts to cover-up the pregnancy by having Bathsheba's husband sleep with her, but her husband refuses to do so. David has the husband killed and takes Bathsheba as his own wife.

Note the different decisions David made that lacked integrity. At each step think about what he should have done differently.

GENESIS 39:1-23

In contrast to David's actions, Joseph displayed great integrity when his boss' wife wanted to 'sleep with him', even though it meant he wound up in prison.

How did Joseph handle the situation he found himself in?

Why do you think the Lord was pleased with him?

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Jesus used Scripture to resist the devil's temptations. If Jesus needed Scripture then maybe we do too?

Think about the areas in your own life where you need to act with more integrity, and find a bible verse/passage that challenges or encourages you in that area. Try using a bible concordance or just do a google search (e.g. 'bible verses about honesty', 'bible verses about laziness').

EPHESIANS 4:17-32

In this letter to the Ephesians, Paul describes what it looks like to live as 'Children of the Light'.

Is there anything in this passage that challenges you? Spend some time praying that God would help you lead with integrity.

3. initiative

1 CHRONICLES 17:1-15

David had the idea to build a temple for God. God sent a message basically saying that he had never asked for it, but he would be pleased to make David's idea a reality. He then added his wisdom and guidance telling him that it would actually be his son (Solomon) who would build the temple. But what it highlights is that God was pleased to bless David's initiative.

What's one thing you could take the initiative to do at your church this Sunday?

1 SAMUEL 25:2-35

Abigail saw that her husband had put their whole household and village in a serious situation. She acted quickly and ended up saving her family from destruction, as well as stopping David from doing something that may have displeased God. Often taking the initiative in a situation requires you to act quickly as there may be a limited amount of time before the opportunity passes.

Ask God to show you any situations where you might need to do something now before it is too late.

JOHN 4:1-26

Jesus was tired and thirsty yet he saw an opportunity to connect with someone. He ended up prophesying to her and she believed in him as the Messiah. She then told her whole village and they too put their faith in Jesus.

Think about the last week or day. Can you see any times where you might have missed opportunities to connect with people and maybe even share your faith with them? Pray that God would give you open eyes to see opportunities and courage to take them.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-12

Pray this passage as a prayer for yourself and for those in your youth group.

4. imagination

PSALM 22

In this Psalm David cries out with anguish and sorrow as he is persecuted by people who hate him. Yet he finishes the Psalm with this vision of salvation and redemption and the whole world coming to worship God.

What struggles are you facing at the moment? What outcomes are you believing him for? Write your own Psalm... a prayer pouring out your struggles to God but then declaring your hopes and dreams.

NUMBERS 13:26-33

Moses sent 12 men to “spy out the land” that God had promised the Israelites. Ten spies returned frightened by the fortified cities and the giants that lived in them. Two spies, Joshua and Caleb, returned with a different view. They only saw the possibilities of possessing the land as they had complete trust in God to help them succeed. They knew that God was with them and therefore considered their enemies already defeated.

What giants are you facing at the moment? Use your imagination to see if you can turn some of your problems into possibilities.

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Jesus took the disciples up the mountain to commission them so that they could see more than just their own family and town... he wanted to give them a vision for ‘all nations’.

Spend some time praying that people would hear the gospel, beginning with your immediate location and then widening the circle e.g. pray for your family, then your class, your school, your community, your city, your nation, and the world. Be open to the Holy Spirit putting a dream in your heart for where he might take you in the future!

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

No matter what you imagine... God can do even greater things!

Memorize this passage and dream with God!