

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

1. TWO OPTIONS:

Option 1: Use this in a Group Setting

In this Facilitator Guide, you will find instructions, time frames, and extra notes just for you. The student guide is in a separate file; be sure to make copies for each student in your group.

Option 2: Use this in a Mentoring Relationship, or for an individual student

Just make a copy of the Student Guide and give it (or send it) to the student (all the instructions they need are already there). If you are mentoring a student, make an extra copy of the Student Guide for yourself and walk alongside the student as he/she goes through this study.

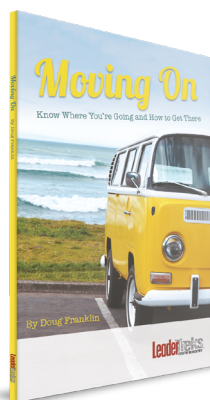
WAIT! WHAT IF WE DON'T HAVE A STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM?

Starting a student leadership team is hard, and honestly, it's okay if you don't have one. LeaderTrekks wants to help you get started and walk the road with you. If you don't have student leaders, try using this resource with a group of 2 or 3 students to start with (refer to Option 2).

- 2. YOUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY:** Each leadership lesson contains a different leadership growth module. They're designed to help you guide your students as they explore their own leadership skills and prepare them to make real-life applications. Spend a few minutes walking through the prompts and helping your students discover the next steps in their leadership journey.
- 3. APPLY IT:** Challenge students to get specific. Growth happens when we make a plan, then ask others to keep us accountable. Make a plan to follow-up with your students individually.

CELEBRATE YOUR GRADUATES WITH THESE PERFECT GIFTS!

For high school grads:



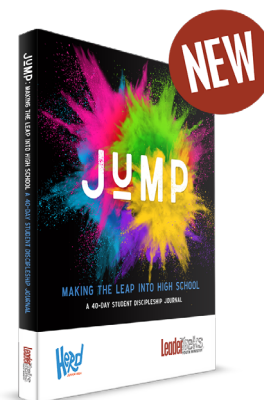
Moving On

Know Where You're Going & How to Get There

Moving On is designed to help students map out the next steps for their future, based on the clues that God has already been leaving in their lives.

Check it out: leadertreks.org/product/moving-on

For middle school grads:



JUMP: Making the Leap into High School

JUMP focuses on eight spiritual truths and practical skills that will equip students to own their faith as they enter high school.

Check it out:

leadertreks.org/product/jump-middle-school-graduation-gift

OBJECTIVE

Too often, people in Christian leadership tend to lead from their own strength. They take on the burdens of their world and ministry and attempt to carry the load themselves. The result is often an unhealthy ministry with a leader who is on a fast track to burnout. So what's the problem with leading out of our own strength? It's not the way Jesus calls us to lead. What if your students learned how to lead with Jesus' power versus failing in their own strength?

OPENING QUESTION

2–3 minutes

- Share a story of a time you ran out of power (examples: power outage during a storm, a car didn't start, or your phone battery died in the middle of a conversation). How did it make you feel?

FACILITATOR NOTE: If your group of students is small enough, you can have each person share their answer. Otherwise, for a larger group, have them pair and share to answer these questions.

WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT

10–15 minutes

Read the following together:

On the other side of Easter, Jesus met the disciples, passed on a few nuggets of wisdom, and promised the Holy Spirit would come. The Holy Spirit is the person of Jesus dwelling in us. He has authority and power and is in the business of transforming us to be more and more like Jesus. He is also a gift and promise by Jesus that we will not be alone. **Take a moment to read some of Jesus' last words to his disciples in Matthew 28:18–20.**

This particular passage is called the "Great Commission," and it's Jesus' call to all Christ-followers about how to live their life. The last verse should speak volumes to you as student leaders.

As student leaders, you are called to influence your world for Jesus by being leaders in your homes, cities, schools, jobs, etc. But the mistake made by many leaders is to try to fulfill the "Great Commission" on their own strength—the result is often burning out or worse. See, they miss the last and most important line: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (emphasis added). This is Jesus' promise that we will never be alone, that he is with us right to the end, standing shoulder-to-shoulder as we follow his call.

Jesus wants us to lead with power, but it doesn't come from us. It comes from the Holy Spirit. He is the source of our strength, and he is how Jesus fulfills his promise. It is the Holy Spirit who is with us always. You don't need to lead from your own strength because through the Holy Spirit, you can lead with Jesus' power.

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