



VISION

NCVYTH CREW exists to develop and empower students to **LEAD, SERVE** and **INFLUENCE** in their **CHURCH, SCHOOL,** and **COMMUNITY.**

"I...urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called"

Ephesians 4:1



Leadership is a choice, and I hope it is something you will consider choosing. Leadership is **NOT** just for the outgoing people, or the popular people, or the funniest people. Leadership is **NOT** an event on a calendar or a new program to fill your already busy schedule. Leadership is a commitment.

The thing about commitments - at least the commitments that really matter - is that they are sometimes hard to keep. Sometimes a commitment in one area requires a sacrifice in another area. But isn't it in those seasons of tension and perseverance that we grow deeper and more mature than if we never tried? Sometimes it is within the context of these choices that we find out who we really are and who God wants us to become.

I will be expecting a lot of the CREW and this commitment may not be for everyone, but if you're still reading this then I can only assume that you're willing to find out if it is right for you. Jesus expected a lot from His disciples and, for some of you, joining the CREW may be the next best step in your walk to follow Jesus.

Still interested? Then keep reading. I hope you will seriously consider the choice to be a leader.

Blessings,

Pastor Josh

What is LEADERSHIP?

Leadership is more than just showing up to events. Leadership is a commitment to **serve**, and a commitment to be an ***influencer***.

John Maxwell, a famous leadership trainer, says, "Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life ***influencing*** another."

There is this really great story in the Bible where two of Jesus' disciples, who were brothers, actually got their momma to ask for special leadership positions with Jesus for them. Could you imagine how oddly frustrating that would be for Jesus? After some back and forth, Jesus described leadership this way,

"But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you ***must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave***, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Matthew 20:25-28

The kind of leadership we're talking about is a little different than what the rest of the world might call leadership. We're looking for the kind of leadership Jesus was looking for.



Timeline

The CREW is a 12-month commitment. We will typically run from the end of one school year (May) through to the end of the next school year. At that time, a new CREW will be formed. A member from one year CAN be a member in a following year. However, the position is not guaranteed.

Qualifications

Every member of the CREW must meet and maintain certain qualifications. The applicant must:

- be entering 9th - 12th grade
- have a growing relationship with Jesus
- be connected with other followers of Jesus
- have a positive reputation

Expectations

It is our desire to “let you know what you’re getting into,” so to speak. So, we want to be completely up front with what will be expected from each member of the CREW. Please take these expectations seriously...because we do.

Each member of the CREW will be expected to:

- **Influence** others through **Serving** (i.e. lead)
- attend a monthly, non-negotiable, CREW meeting (entire team together)
- Participate in serving at NCVYTH
- maintain a strong attendance at NCVYTH
- provide critical feedback to leadership regarding what’s happening in NCVYTH (i.e. if there is a problem, speak up)
- remain in good standing for the full commitment

Commitment

If the above are firm expectations we use to measure success as a member of the CREW, then the following is a list of commitments we are asking each member to choose and to be stretched by. Remember, we said at the beginning that leadership was a commitment more than an inherent character trait. Therefore, leadership is less about who you are and more about who you are becoming.

Each member of the SLT is committed to:

- GROWING to be more like Jesus
- DISCOVERING his/her ministry and giftedness
- CONNECTING with other followers of Jesus in meaningful relationships
- REACHING unbelieving friends with the hope found in Jesus
- HONORING God with his/her choices and attitude
- SPEAKING up fearlessly when silence is easier
- STICKING it out even when it gets hard





Application

INSTRUCTIONS

Either write or type your answers to the following questions. You can use the back or additional sheets, if needed. We want to get to know you! So, BE HONEST. It is better to discuss a hard thing than it is to lie. When this part is complete, turn it in. [\[PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STUDENT TO TURN IT IN. for example: into the offering box, email address, etc.\]](#)

Name: _____ Grade _____ Today's Date: _____

Why do you want to be a part of the CREW leadership team?

How would you tell your story of when you first began following Jesus?

How does your spiritual life look right now? Thriving? In a slump? Somewhere in between?

How would your friends describe your faith? How would your parents describe your faith?

What activities/organizations are you a part of or plan to be a part of? (ex. football, cheerleading, band, ninja club, etc.)

Other than joining the SLT, what do you see as your next step in growing to become more like Jesus? What, if any, resources might help you in taking that next step?

