



# DEEP DISCIPLESHIP

**A DISCIPLE-MAKING SYSTEM  
FOR YOUR ENTIRE YOUTH MINISTRY**

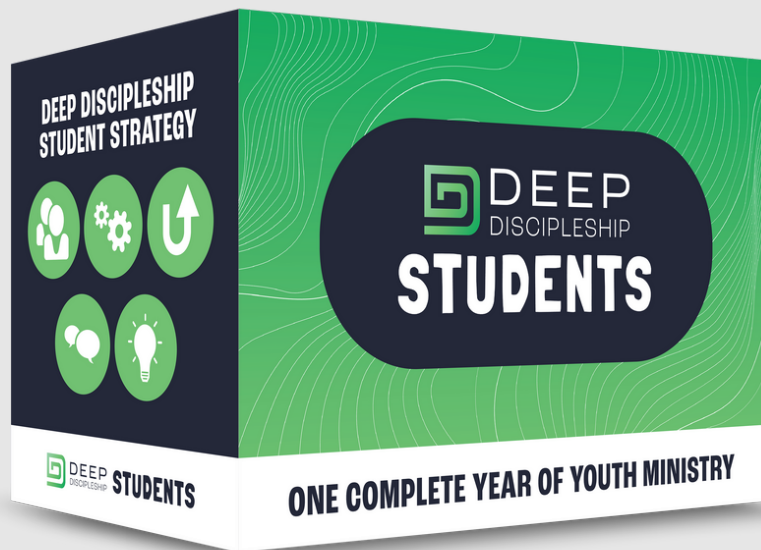


# WHY DEEP DISCIPLESHIP?

## Too Many Students Are Not Experiencing Spiritual Growth

### DISCIPLE

One who follows Jesus and lives in obedience to his commands.



### DISCIPLESHIP

The process of multiplication through relationships.

## We Need Deep Discipleship

*Go make disciples.* A simple statement. One of Christ's last commands is also one of his most straightforward. *Make disciples.* Just reading those two words probably stirs something up inside of you. They're part of that calling God placed in the hearts of all believers. But as a youth pastor, those words seem to ring a little louder in your ears. It's rooted deep in the core of who you are. You've given your life to that holy pursuit. *Making disciples.* It's more than your job. It's your mission. So...are you? Are you making disciples?





# DEEP DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY

The new Deep Discipleship is so much more than a curriculum, it's an entire system designed to help you make and multiply disciples.

Deep Discipleship equips you with everything you need to run your entire ministry and make disciples. We've streamlined this process with a strategy that intentionally focuses on the 5 foundational elements of youth ministry.

## 5 Foundational Elements of Youth Ministry



### RELATIONAL VOLUNTEER TEAM

Relationships cultivate trust.



### INTENTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Mission drives programming.



### TRANSFORMATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship prompts change.



### PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

Parents foster consistency.



### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Leadership promotes ownership.

# Relational Volunteer Team

Relationships cultivate trust



**Programs don't make *the* difference in your student ministry. People do.**

Studies have shown that teenagers need around five adults investing in them to flourish spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. Just in case you struggle a bit with math (and who doesn't), that's you plus four more. We understand that if our volunteers can build these strong relationships, students will turn to them to learn the truth about Jesus Christ. And that is how disciples are made. Our goal for each volunteer is to reach a second-level relationship with students.

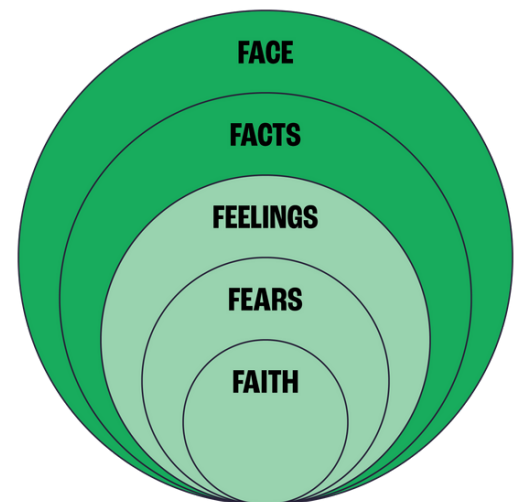
## BUILDING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

**A first-level relationship** is where a leader recognizes a student's face and knows some basic facts about their life.

EXAMPLE: *That's Josh, and he plays soccer.*

**A second-level relationship** is where a leader has some understanding of a student's feelings, fears, and faith.

EXAMPLE: *Josh injured himself at practice and is worried about losing his starting position as a midfielder. This is also causing him some doubts about God's goodness.*



**Discipleship cannot take place outside the context of a meaningful relationship.**

Students want to learn from people who care about them; they want to be discovered and known. For us to effectively make disciples, we must first effectively build relationships. A meaningful relationship is what lays the foundation for continued discipleship. To have a strong and growing ministry, your students need a second-level relationship with multiple adult leaders. This is one of the best strategies for multiplying disciples.

# DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE RELATIONAL VOLUNTEER TEAM RESOURCES

## 6 Volunteer Training Events

Kick-Off & Year-End Celebration Events  
4 Discipleship Training Sessions  
to equip your Adult Volunteers



## Discipleship Pathway Tool & Video Training

A step-by-step strategy that empowers your Adult Volunteers to make disciples



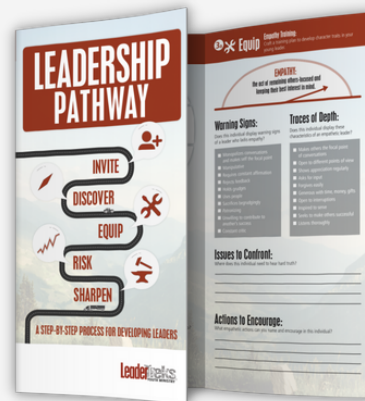
## Volunteer Role Training Cards

Card to remind your Adult Volunteers about the importance of their role in your ministry



## Leadership Pathway Tool & Video Training

A practical, easy-to-follow process to help Adult Volunteers develop student leaders



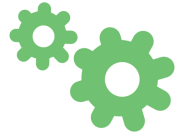
## Volunteer Postcards & Encouragement Note Templates

Communication templates that help you stay connected with your volunteers throughout the year, by email or handwritten postcards.



# Intentional Programming

Mission drives programming



**Every event, meeting, and training revolves around the goal of making and multiplying disciples.**

It's easy to fall into a rut of student ministry programming that lacks strategy. Maybe we're doing the same things we've always done even though it isn't really working as it has in the past. Maybe we're trying new thing, but they're not *our* things. We heard about the *cool* events and ideas at the church down the road or on social media, so we try to mimic what they are doing. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't.

In either case, there's no intentionality behind our programming and both approaches can lead to burnout. While these ruts are easy to slip into, they don't have to be hard to climb out of. All processes, including ministry, function better when structure and strategies are in place. We want to help you simplify and improve your efforts toward making disciples. And we want you to have fun doing what you do.

## THE REACH-GROW-GO STRATEGY

**Every youth ministry event and meeting should fall into one of these categories:**

### REACH

These are outreach events designed to bring non-believers into a relationship with Christ. Your job is to invite students to an event where you present the Gospel of Jesus. Ideally, this occurs during special events like movie night, dodgeball tournament, Super Bowl party, etc.

### GROW

These events are designed to help students grow deeper in their faith, helping them walk in obedience to what Christ has commanded. Small groups are usually the best setting for this, but large group meetings are helpful too.

### GO

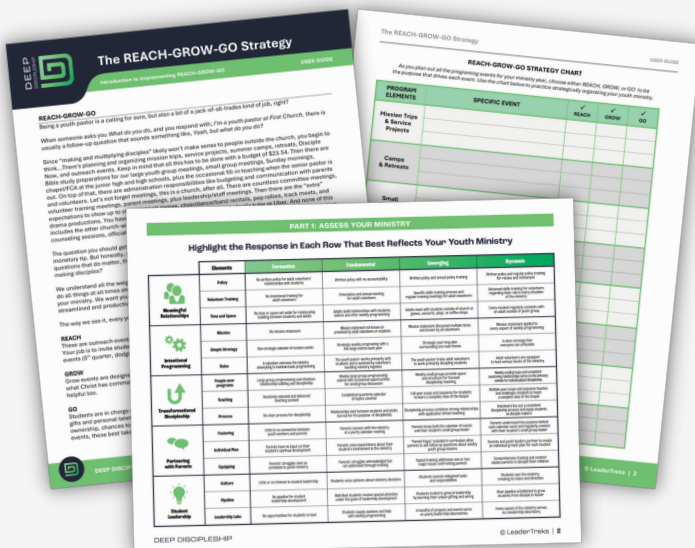
Students are in charge of these events. Your job is to get out of the way and let students use their spiritual gifts and talents to lead by giving them ownership, chances to make good/bad decisions, and helping them process and learn as they go. Ideal for specially designed outings like service projects, leadership retreats, etc.

When you simplify and focus each event or meeting on one of these categories—REACH, GROW, or GO—your work will become more streamlined, your adult volunteers will quickly grasp the purpose of each event, and your discipleship efforts will flourish.

# DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE INTENTIONAL PROGRAMMING RESOURCES

## REACH-GROW-GO Strategy & Youth Ministry Assessment

An assessment and guide for implementing the REACH-GROW-GO strategy in your ministry



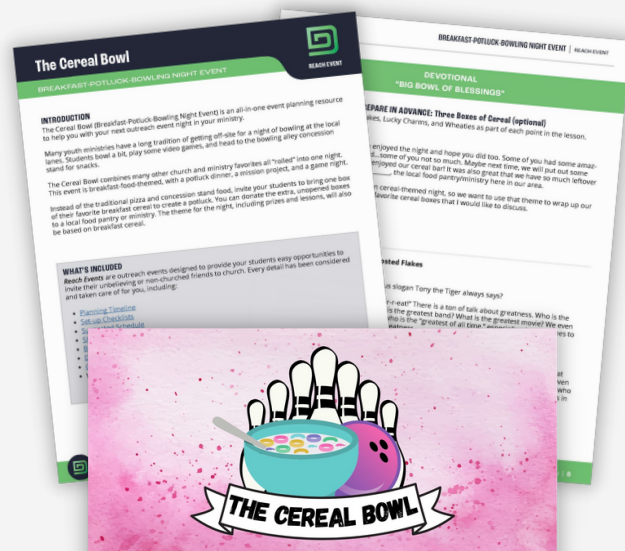
## Ministry Calendars

Customizable calendars to plan and communicate your entire year



## REACH Events

Outreach events complete with plans, checklists, budgets, supply lists, games, and teaching.



## GO Events

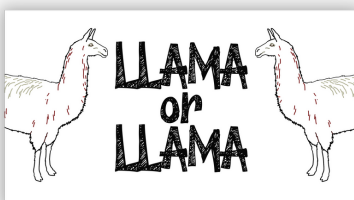
Easy-to-run events that give your student leaders opportunities to lead.



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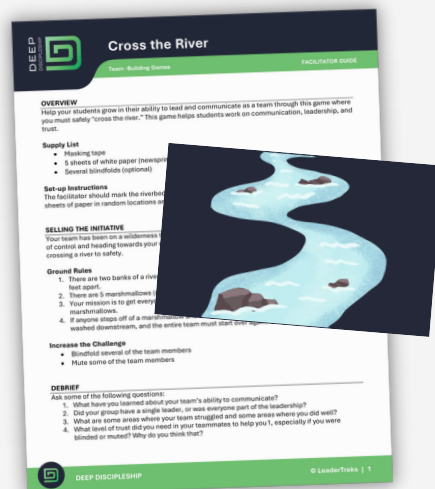
## Game Library with 100+ Screen Games

Ready-to-use Screen Games to help you add fun to your gatherings and make memories



## Team-Building Games

Purposeful and interactive games to help you strengthen team unity

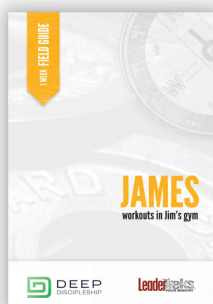


## Mission Trip Resources

Everything you need to prepare your students for short-term mission trips



**PRE-TRIP TRAINING**  
4 Teaching Sessions with activities & team-building



**ON-TRIP DEVOTIONAL**  
6-Day Devotional, Prayer & Growth Journals, Team Evaluation Tool



**POST-TRIP TRAINING**  
4 Teaching Sessions with activities & life application

**BRING 2 FREE ADULTS ON A LEADERTREKS MISSION TRIP**



**STUDENT MISSION TRIP GREENHOUSE eBook**  
A strategy to turn short-term trips into long-term growth



# DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE INTENTIONAL PROGRAMMING RESOURCES

## DNow Retreat

**Deep Discipleship Premium** comes with a free Disciple Now (DNow) Study.

Each downloadable DNow Study comes with everything you need for an impactful, discipleship-focused weekend retreat (4 Small Group Lessons, 4 Large Group Talks, Media & Videos, Parent Resources, DNow Dashboard). Choose any of these DNow Study topics from [dnowstudies.com](http://dnowstudies.com).



**NEVER ALONE**  
God is always with you.



**BRAVE**  
Courage in the Face of Fear.



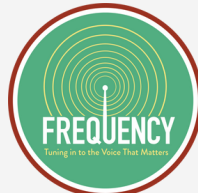
**IRREPLACEABLE**  
Accept No Substitutes.



**STAND**  
Put on the Whole Armor of God.



**NO FILTER**  
Stop Hiding. Live Unhindered.



**FREQUENCY**  
Tuning in to the Voice That Matters.



**PRODIGAL**  
We've all been lost. Welcome home.



**OUTCAST**  
Finding Our Place In God's Kingdom.



**COMMUNITY**  
Beyond our Preference to Christ's Purpose.



**RENEW**  
Heart. Mind. Soul. Strength.



**EVERLASTING**  
Loved. Broken. Redeemed. Called.



**ACT.LOVE.WALK**  
Following God with All Your Heart.



**PROJECT SERVE**  
Spreading the Gospel by Lending a Hand.



**THE PAUSE**  
Learning to Seek God.



**FOLLOWER**  
Living an Authentic Faith.



**EXCHANGE**  
Gaining Through Giving Up.

# Transformational Discipleship

Discipleship prompts change.



**Without a strategic teaching plan, we may miss critical aspects of the Gospel.**

As followers of Jesus, God has called us to make disciples. We are to take the knowledge and experiences we have gained as Christ-followers and pass them on to other believers. That's the process of discipleship. We also know that goal of discipleship more than passing on mere knowledge of God. True discipleship leads to transformation in the lives of believers. In Deep Discipleship, we have given you many tools to help you pass down knowledge and understanding of God through the teaching of his Word.

## THE 8 ROOTS OF THE GOSPEL

To ensure the whole picture is presented, every teaching lesson in Deep Discipleship centers around the core **8 Roots of the Gospel**. Ultimately, only God knows and can transform the heart of a student. As we intentionally focus on **The 8 Roots of the Gospel**, we can reflect, uncover, and resemble the truth that saves lives and makes disciples.

### RESCUE

helps students understand their need for a Savior (John 1:12).

### KNOWLEDGE

helps students understand the basics of who God is (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

### KINGDOM

helps students understand how to live in the Kingdom of God every day (Luke 17:20–21).

### OUTREACH

helps students understand their God-given mission (Romans 10:14–15).

### IDENTITY

helps students discover their unique identity in Christ (Genesis 1:27).

### COMMUNITY

helps students understand the meaning of biblical fellowship (James 1:27).



### WORSHIP

explores what it means to live a lifestyle of worship (Psalm 105:1).

### APOLOGETICS

prepares students to explain the hope they have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15).

# DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE TRANSFORMATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

## A Year of Bible-based Teaching

All teaching series and stand-alone lessons come with everything you need for large group and small group gatherings



### BIBLICAL TEACHING

Sermon Outlines for Large Group  
Small Group Lessons w/Student Handouts  
Lesson User Guide  
Teacher Prep Videos



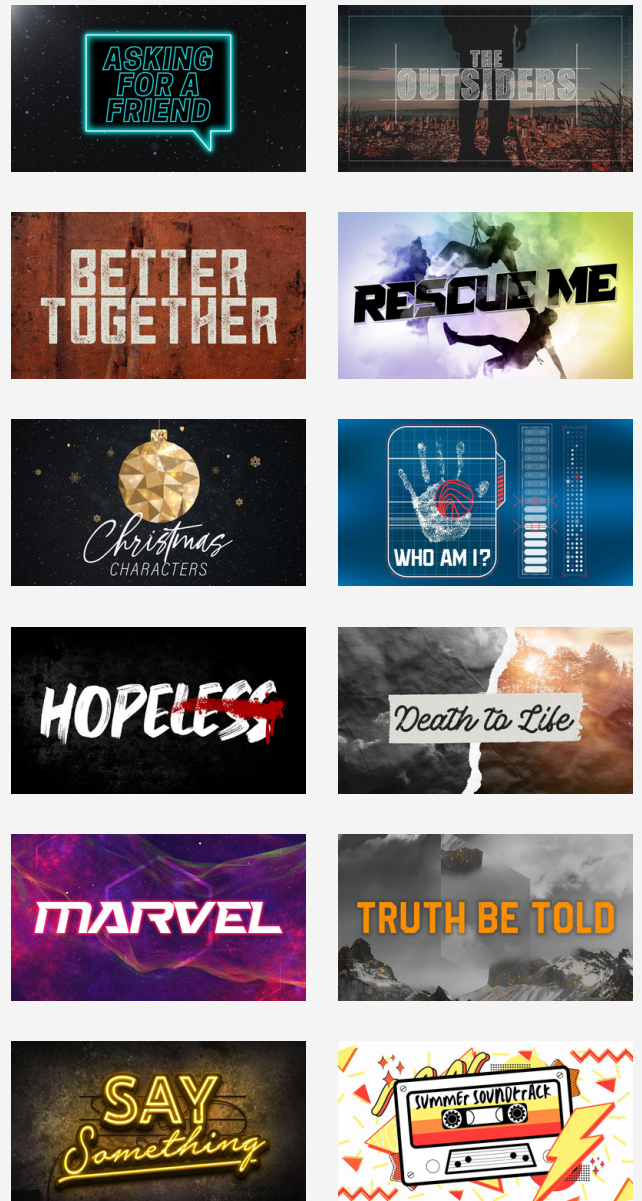
### MEDIA, VIDEOS & PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

Teaching Slides  
Intro & Bumper Videos  
Social Media Graphics  
Memory Verses & Devos  
Weekly Parent Communication

## Scope and Sequence

We've arranged our series in the order that naturally flows well with the rhythm of the school year. Or teach these series in the order that best meets your students' needs.

Each 4-week series (Summer Soundtrack is an 8-week series) comes with the complete list of supporting outlines, guides, graphics, templates, and videos shown on the left.



[Click here for a detailed Scope & Sequence.](#)

# Partnering with Parents

Parents foster consistency.



**Parents play a vital role in making disciples. To make a lasting impact on your students, you have to partner with their parents.**

You're a youth pastor and you love spending time with students. But you know that students only make up one-third of your youth ministry. You also have to focus your attention on adult volunteers and parents. Without the involvement of these key adults, the odds of having a lasting impact on your students goes way down. Partnering with parents is one of the most successful routes you can take in your goal of making disciples.

**Parents are the primary faith influencers of their children.**

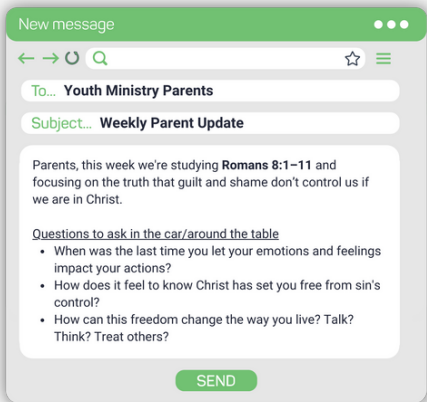
Parents are meant to be the chief disciple-maker of their kids (Deut. 6:4-7, Prov. 22:6). Even if you have a student attend everything your youth ministry offers, that only adds up to 4-5 hours a week at the most. That is a fraction of the time they spend with their parents. Most parents want to disciple their kids but struggle to know how or where to begin. They need a partner. They need you.

Because parents are the primary faith influencers of their children, your youth ministry needs to be the critical third-party voice, advocating for and reinforcing parents' disciple-making efforts at home. When working in tandem, parents and youth pastors/volunteers strengthen the example for students of how to walk with Christ. Partnering with parents in youth ministry allows you to dig even deeper into a student's life and equip them to own their faith as they move out of your ministry.

# DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE PARTNERING WITH PARENTS RESOURCES

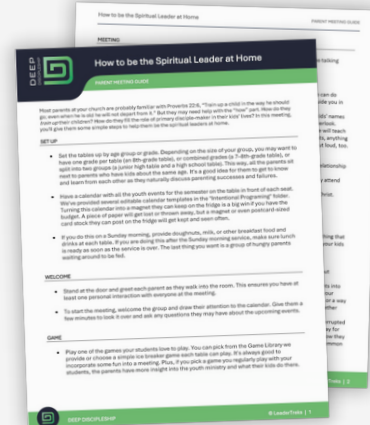
## Weekly Parent Communications

Quick updates to keep parents engaged with the teaching, plus questions they can ask



## 3 Parent Meeting Guides

Guides to help you plan effective, informative meetings that parents will want to attend



## Parent Events

Resources that help you equip parents to be the primary faith-influencers in their students' lives



### FAITH AT HOME

Easy-to-do activities that help parents incorporate discipleship into daily life

### FAMILY NIGHTS

Youth Group Nights for the whole family  
Includes Teaching, Slides, Games & Activities, and Small Group Discussion

### FAMILY SERVICE PROJECTS

Simple service projects that help parents and students serve together as a family

# Student Leadership

Leadership promotes ownership.



## Providing leadership development for students through application and experiences equips young disciples.

If we are not intentional about making disciples, it's easy for youth ministry to become a spectator sport. Students come to church to watch us teach and lead, and then they go home. Week after week, they come in, watch, and leave. Rarely are they given opportunities to put into practice the lessons and godly principles that we teach. But true learning requires experience and application. And leadership development will call for a heavy dose of both.

## Learning to lead is part of the discipleship process

As we read through the Gospels, we see Jesus teaching and equipping his disciples, then sending them off to do what they had seen him do. This was one of his methods for making disciples. He gave them authority (Matt. 10:1), provided opportunities to problem solve (Luke 9:12-13), allowed them to teach (Mark 3:14), and even sent them out in pairs to different towns to spread the message of Christ on their own (Luke 9:2-6).

As youth pastors, we can be great at the teaching and equipping parts of Jesus' example. But unlike Jesus, we can be a little reluctant to hand over ministry responsibilities to the students under our care. *Are they ready? Can they handle it?* But you are well aware that the disciples were far from prodigies. They were learning as they went. Still, Jesus allowed them to try and fail and try again.

The process of developing student leaders doesn't happen accidentally. You need a plan and tools to help you follow Christ's example of making and multiplying disciples by training students to lead in God's Kingdom.

# DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE STUDENT LEADERSHIP RESOURCES

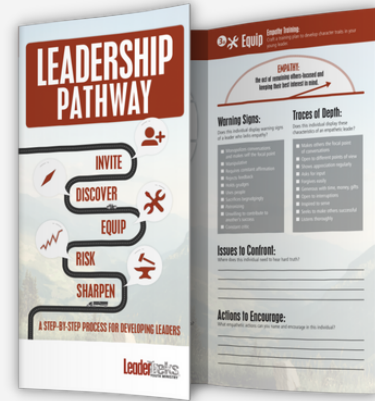
## Leadership Weekend Retreat

4-Session Retreat to develop student leaders  
Includes Teaching, Activities, Checklists, Devos



## Leadership Pathway Tool & Video Training

A practical, easy-to-follow process to help  
Adult Volunteers develop student leaders



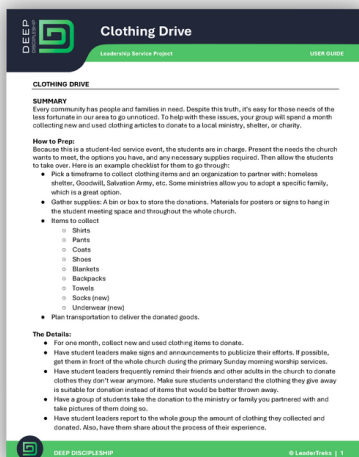
## 12 Leadership Teaching Lessons

Monthly Teaching for your Student Leaders  
with Facilitator & Student Guides



## Student-Led Service Projects

Monthly Teaching for your Student Leaders  
with Facilitator & Student Guides



**REIMAGINE STUDENT LEADERSHIP**  
Practical tips and strategies to help you make  
your student leadership dreams a reality

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Who is this curriculum for?**

Deep Discipleship is designed for both junior high and senior high students. Also included are resources and tools for parents, adult volunteers, and youth pastors.

## **How do I access the content?**

All Deep Discipleship content is in digital format and is downloadable through your account immediately after purchase. Go to [My Account](#) and navigate to the [Download Center](#) to access your content.

## **How long can I access the content?**

Downloadable content is completely yours and you can keep it forever. New content will be available each year in May.

## **What “year” or “volume” of content will I get today?**

Deep Discipleship Year 2 is currently available. Deep Discipleship Students Year 1 subscribers will continue to have access to your Year 1 content through your renewal date. Deep Discipleship Students Year 3 will be available in May 2024 with new teaching series, games, and resources.

## **When do I get the next year’s content?**

You’ll have access to content based on your renewal date. Each time your subscription renews, you’ll receive access to the newest content. For example: If you sign up for Deep Discipleship Students in January 2023, you’ll immediately have access to all of the content in Year 1. When your subscription renews in January 2024, you’ll receive access to Year 2. If you sign up for Deep Discipleship Students in June 2023, you’ll immediately have access to Year 2 content.

## **When does my subscription renew?**

Your subscription will automatically renew every year on the anniversary of your original purchase date.

## **How do I get my free DNow?**

Included in your annual subscription of Deep Discipleship Students (Premium), you’ll also receive a free DNow Study from our partner, [LeaderTreks Youth Ministry](#). A unique coupon will be sent to you via email. To redeem, create an account at [LeaderTreks Youth Ministry](#) using the same email associated with your Deep Discipleship account. Then shop the [DNow Studies](#) page, add any study to your cart, and enter your unique coupon code. Your DNow coupon will expire 1 year from your purchase date.

## **Can I modify the content?**

Some lessons and resources are provided in an editable format so you can modify individual lessons, add your own elements, and customize for your ministry needs.

## **Can I share the content?**

The content is meant to be used solely within the church/organization that purchased it.

## **Do I have to follow the scope and sequence?**

We have created an order based on what we think flows best, but you know your students better than anyone, so you can walk through the curriculum in whatever order you think is best.

## **Can I get printed copies of the Discipleship Pathway Tools instead of printing them myself?**

Yes. We’ve provided you with a digital copy of the Discipleship Pathway tool that you are free to print and use to disciple your students. If you want to skip the printing process, you can purchase professionally printed copies of the Discipleship Pathway for each of your students from our partner [LeaderTreks Youth Ministry](#).



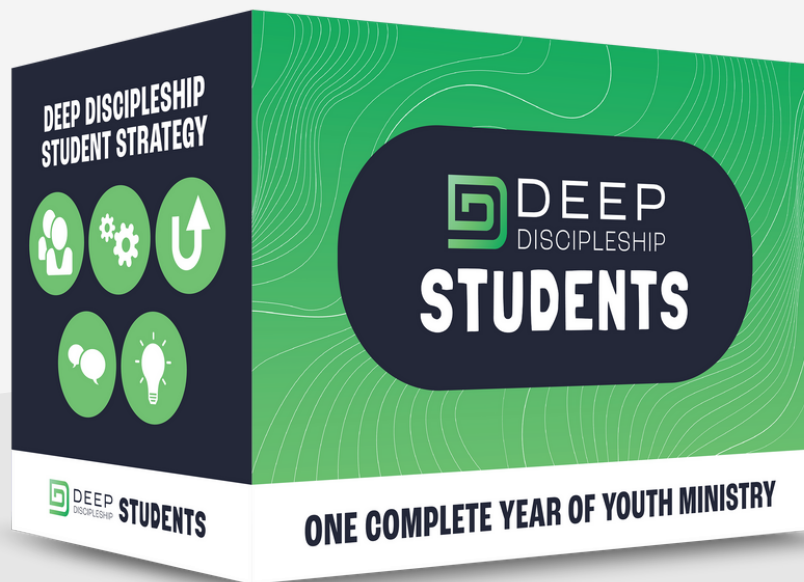


# WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

## Deep Discipleship Premium comes with all of this and more!

### NEW CONTENT RELEASES YEARLY

Every subscription includes ongoing access to our content library. Your ministry stays up-to-date with fresh resources and you can focus on discipling students and empowering volunteers.



**David**

Deep Discipleship Specialist

## Still on the fence?

We'd love to talk with you about how Deep Discipleship can help you be more intentional and effective in ministry.

Contact **David** for a personalized walk-through of everything Deep Discipleship has to offer.



**DON'T FORGET TO GET  
YOUR FREE SAMPLE**

## SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

## DEEP DISCIPLESHIP YEAR 2

We have provided the entire scope of the teaching series below and sequenced them in the order we think naturally flows well with the rhythm of the school year. But that doesn't mean it necessarily fits your ministry calendar or desired direction. Our list is a *suggestion*. You rearrange and teach these series in the way you feel best meets the needs of your students.

**LIST ONE** gives you a quick peek into each series for a point of reference. **LIST TWO** gives you an overview of each series, plus the takeaway and main passage from each individual lesson. This will give you a good idea of each series and lesson and help you decide when you will teach it in your calendar year.

### LIST ONE

#### **Asking for a Friend** (August–Fall)

A 4-week study on questions Christ asked.

#### **Better Together** (September–Fall)

A 4-week study on the importance of biblical fellowship and community.

#### **The Outsiders** (October–Fall)

A 4-week study on the Gospel ushering outcasts into the Kingdom of God.

#### **Rescue Me** (November–Winter)

A 4-week study on the different ways God intervenes on our behalf.

#### **Christmas Characters** (December–Winter)

A 4-week study of a realistic view of the characters involved in the Christmas story.

#### **Who Am I?** (January–Winter)

A 4-week study on how the Creator shapes our identity.

#### **Hopeless** (February–Spring)

A 4-week study about God using us for his Kingdom and glory despite our shortcomings.

#### **From Death to Life** (March–Spring)

A 4-week study focusing on Christ's works of resurrection and salvation.

#### **Marvel** (April–Spring)

A 4-week study on making worship a part of everything we do.

#### **Truth Be Told** (May–Summer)

A 4-week apologetic study on common "truths" held up against God's Word.

#### **Say Something** (June–Summer)

A 4-week study on sharing our faith and beliefs about Jesus.

#### **Summer Soundtrack** (July–Summer)

An 8-week study in Psalms focusing on the eight roots of the Gospel.

## LIST TWO

## FALL

**Asking for a Friend**

The theme of this series is “Asking for a Friend” and focuses on the Knowledge Root (helps students understand the basics about God). Most, if not all, of us, have had questions about God, things we'd like to know about him. But sometimes God has questions for us. This series explores several questions Jesus asked of different people he encountered, ranging from committed disciples to people who were curious about Christ.

**Lesson 1: Why Do You Call Me Good?**

Main Passage: [Luke 18:18–21](#), [Romans 5:1](#), [2 Corinthians 5:21](#), [Ephesians 4:31–32](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ understand that Jesus is the only good thing about them.

**Lesson 2: Do You Want to Get Well?**

Main Passage: [John 5:2–9](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ accept God's offer to help.

**Lesson 3: Who Do You Say That I Am?**

Main Passage: [Matthew 16:13–17](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ have their own faith in Jesus.

**Lesson 4: Why Did You Doubt?**

Main Passage: [Matthew 14:22–33](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ trust Jesus to do the impossible.

**Better Together**

The theme of this series is “Better Together” and focuses on the Community Root (helps students understand the meaning of biblical fellowship). We are not meant to be Christ-followers on our own. We have been designed for community and enjoy countless blessings when we are an active part of a Christian community.

**Lesson 1: Two by Two**

Main Passage: [Mark 6:7–13](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ don't try to follow Jesus on their own.

**Lesson 2: Don't Be A Hero**

Main Passage: [Exodus 18:13–24](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ listen to wise council.

**Lesson 3: Accountability in Action**

Main Passage: [Galatians 2:11–14](#); [Matthew 18:15–17](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ hold each other accountable.

**Lesson 4: Follow Me**

Main Passage: [John 21:15–19](#); [Isaiah 53:6](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are more shepherd than sheep.



## The Outsiders

The theme of this series is “The Outsiders” and focuses on the Kingdom Root (helps students understand how to live in the Kingdom of God every day). Everyone has experienced moments where they felt as though they didn't quite fit in. Some may even feel this way most of the time. Like they've been overlooked or pushed to the margins. Even Jesus faced more than his share of rejection. This series explores the truths of how Jesus not only knows exactly what we are going through when we feel like an outsider but also invites us to join his family and Kingdom.

### Lesson 1: Jesus the Outcast

Main Passage: [Isaiah 53:1-3](#); [Luke 4:16, 28-30, 13:34](#); [John 7:5](#); [Matthew 8:34](#); [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ will be treated like Christ.

### Lesson 2: Bring Outsiders In

Main Passage: [Matthew 9:9-13](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are not perfect people.

### Lesson 3: Be Clean

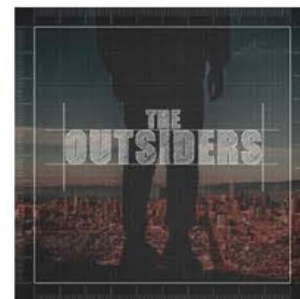
Main Passage: [Luke 5:12-16](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are made clean by the saving work of Jesus.

### Lesson 4: Worth the Risk

Main Passage: [Luke 8:43-48](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ understand Jesus is worth the risk.



## WINTER

### Rescue Me

The theme of this series is “Rescue Me” and focuses on the Rescue Root (helps students understand their need for a Savior). The truth that Jesus saves us from our sins is a gift that is beyond comprehension. But God saves us in many different ways. As any good father does, God desires to save us completely. But unlike all other fathers, God actually has the capability to rescue us in all ways.

#### Lesson 1: God Who Hears Our Cry

Main Passage: [Exodus 2:23-25, 3:7-10](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ trust God to listen and respond to our prayers.

#### Lesson 2: God Who Fights Our Battles

Main Passage: [2 Chronicles 14:9-15](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ acknowledge God is greater than any enemy.

#### Lesson 3: God Who Restores Us

Main Passage: [Genesis 3:20-24](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are dependent on God's grace.

#### Lesson 4: God Who Rescues Us From Sin

Main Passage: [1 John 2:1-6](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ find forgiveness from sin by surrendering to Jesus.



## Christmas Characters

The theme of this series is “Christmas Characters” and focuses on the impact the first Christmas had on the people who were there. Most pictures and nativity scenes dress up the reality of the event, so we’d like to give a more realistic image of what the involved people went through leading up to the first Christmas. These four lessons will examine the roles of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and Jesus.

### Lesson 1: Fear Not

Main Passage: [Luke 1:26–38](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ trust God through challenging callings.

### Lesson 2: Faithful “Father”

Main Passage: [Matthew 1:18–25](#); [Luke 2:1–7](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ trust God's provisions and plans more than their own.

### Lesson 3: Unlikely Welcoming Party

Main Passage: [Luke 2:8–20](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ have the same value system as God.

### Lesson 4: The Ultimate Gift

Main Passage: [Philippians 2:5–11](#); [John 1:1–3, 14, 6:38](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ make sacrifices to follow God's will.



## Who Am I?

The theme of this series is “Who Am I?” and focuses on the Identity Root (helps students discover their unique identity in Christ). Students have a deep desire to figure out who they are and there is no shortage of places they search to discover their identity—friends, abilities, grades, athletics, music, social media, etc. But all these options will leave us lacking. Only the Creator can tell creation who we are meant to be.

### Lesson 1: Let Me Introduce Myself

Main Passage: [Luke 1:5–23](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ find their identity in God alone.

### Lesson 2: Make Your Choice

Main Passage: [Joshua 24:14–18](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ decide for themselves to follow Jesus.

### Lesson 3: Actions > Words

Main Passage: [John 10:22–30](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are proven followers through their actions.

### Lesson 4: Christ, Not Myself

Main Passage: [Philippians 3:3–11](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ find their identity in Christ, not their accomplishments.



## SPRING

### Hopeless

The theme of this series is “~~Hopeless~~” and focuses on dealing with mistakes and failures. Each lesson will look at a biblical character who messed up but was still used in a big way by God. Our shortcomings do not limit God's ability to use us for his Kingdom and glory.

#### **Lesson 1: From Tears to Joy**

Main Passage: [Luke 22:61–62](#), [1 Peter 5:1–4](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ repent from sinful mistakes to make a difference in the Kingdom.

#### **Lesson 2: Finding God on the Run**

Main Passage: [Exodus 2:11–15](#), [Deuteronomy 34:9–12](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ can serve the Kingdom of God because of the grace of God.

#### **Lesson 3: From Terror to Love**

Main Passage: [Acts 8:3](#); [Galatians 1:13](#); [Acts 9:10–19](#); [1 Corinthians 11:1](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are changed by the transforming work of Jesus.

#### **Lesson 4: Waiting on God**

Main Passage: [Genesis 16:1–6](#), [17:1–8](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ patiently wait for the Lord to keep his promises.

### From Death to Life

The theme of this series is “From Death to Life” and on the truth that resurrection can be found in Christ alone. The first three lessons will look at stories of Jesus raising someone from the dead. The final session will examine Christ’s work on the cross that is able to move *us* from death to life.

#### **Lesson 1: Never Too Late**

Main Passage: [Luke 8:40–42](#), [49–56](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ believe it's never too late for Jesus to make a difference.

#### **Lesson 2: Words of Life**

Main Passage: [John 11:28–44](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ trust God's life-bringing words.

#### **Lesson 3: Our Greatest Need**

Main Passage: [Luke 7:11–17](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ depend on God to meet their greatest needs.

#### **Lesson 4: Jesus' Transforming Grace**

Main Passage: [Ephesians 2:1–10](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are transformed by the saving work of Jesus.



## Marvel

The theme of this series is “Marvel” and focuses on the Worship Root (helps students explore what it means to have a lifestyle of worship). It is easy to only think of worship as praise songs we sing at church. But worship stretches far beyond that and should be an active part of everything we do. As we try to live out a lifestyle of worship, it can become a means in which God molds us to be more like Christ.

### Lesson 1: Worship is Sacrifice

Main Passage: [2 Samuel 24:18–25](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ recognize worshiping the Lord will come at a cost.

### Lesson 2: All-In

Main Passage: [Genesis 4:3–7](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ worship God in all areas of their lives.

### Lesson 3: The Mountain and the Mundane

Main Passage: [Matthew 17:1–8](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ experience God on the mountaintop and in everyday worship.

### Lesson 4: Remembrance

Main Passage: [Joshua 4:1–7](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ hold on to their encounters with God.



## SUMMER

### Truth Be Told

The theme of this series is “Truth Be Told” and focuses on the Apologetics Root (prepares students to explain the hope they have in Christ). Our culture has become blurry as to what is truth. Teenagers are barraged with ideas of “truth” that don’t match up with God’s Word. This series intends to differentiate what culture says is true and what God says is true. We will look at four statements that are commonly thought of as true (even among believers) and hold them up to Scripture.

### Lesson 1: Follow the Right Thing

Main Passage: [Jeremiah 17:5–10](#), [Mark 7:21–23](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ follow God over their hearts.

### Lesson 2: The Only Way

Main Passage: [John 10:9](#), [14:6](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [1 Timothy 2:5](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ have a relationship with God through Jesus.

### Lesson 3: God the Judge

Main Passage: [Psalm 145:20](#); [John 3:16–18](#); [Romans 2:12–16](#); [1 John 2:2](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ find freedom from God's eternal judgment through Jesus.

### Lesson 4: Our Source of Truth

Main Passage: [Proverbs 30:5–6](#); [John 16:1–4](#), [17:14–19](#); [Romans 3:3–4](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ look to the Bible as the source of absolute truth.



## Say Something

The theme of this series is “Say Something” and focuses on the Outreach Root (helps students understand their God-given mission). Sharing our faith should be a natural part of a Christ-follower’s life. This won’t always mean a gospel presentation or sharing our testimony of salvation, but if Jesus is the most important thing in our lives, then we should be willing to talk about him with others.

### Lesson 1: Ready, Set, Go!

Main Passage: [Acts 8:26–40](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are ready to share the Gospel when opportunities come.

### Lesson 2: First Things First

Main Passage: [John 1:35–42](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ understand the urgency of the Gospel.

### Lesson 3: Scary Obedience

Main Passage: [Jonah 3:1–10](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ do their best to share God's message.

### Lesson 4: The Hard Road

Main Passage: [Acts 14:19–23](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ know there is a cost to following Jesus.



## Summer Soundtrack

The theme of this series is “Summer Soundtrack” and focuses on all 8 Roots of the Gospel using the book of Psalms. Each lesson will be a stand-alone lesson that examines one of the eight roots.

### Lesson 1: Call on the Savior

Main Passage: [Psalm 118:1–14](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ turn to Jesus for refuge and salvation.

### Lesson 2: Knowing God

Main Passage: [Psalm 103:1–12](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ remember the goodness of God.

### Lesson 3: The Worth of God’s Word

Main Passage: [Psalm 19:7–14](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ value God’s Word above all else.

### Lesson 4: Worthy of Worship

Main Passage: [Psalm 95:1–6](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ worship the Lord in many ways.

### Lesson 5: The Attractiveness of Unity

Main Passage: [Psalm 133](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are united by the Holy Spirit.

### Lesson 6: Illumination

Main Passage: [Psalm 119:105–112](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ trust God's Word for guidance and direction.

### Lesson 7: Known and Loved

Main Passage: [Psalm 139:1–4, 13–18](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ are known and loved by the One who created them.

### Lesson 8: Our Not-So-Secret Mission

Main Passage: [Psalm 96:1–10](#)

Takeaway: Disciples of Christ speak of God's glory and goodness.

