

# GROWING LEADERS – YOUTH EDITION COURSE OUTLINE

Invitation	Jan-Feb	Personal invitations to potential participants.
Exploration	Feb/March	A relaxed exploration of Growing Leaders – Youth Edition with an explanation of its aims and how it works, and an invitation to consider taking part.
<b>Part 1: Firm Foundations for Christian Leadership</b>		
<b>SESSION 1</b>	April 24 hours away	<b>INTRODUCTION: LEADERSHIP MATTERS</b> In this opening session we define leadership, identify the distinctives of Christian leadership, and focus on the way in which Jesus led.
See mentor	April	Getting to know one another.
<b>SESSION 2</b>	May	<b>FOUNDATION 1: REMEMBER WHO AND WHOSE YOU ARE</b> If we're to be a Christian leader we first need to be a disciple, sure of our relationship with God. This session explores the basis of that relationship (God chose us/grace) and the priority of spiritual disciplines in the leader's life.
Project	May	Spiritual check-up.
See mentor	May	Spiritual check-up and spiritual disciplines.
<b>SESSION 3</b>	June	<b>FOUNDATION 2: GETTING TO THE HEART</b> The Bible places a lot of importance on our character. What are the character issues we face and how do we grow in Christ-like character?
Project	June-July	Interview with two Christian leaders.
See mentor	June	Reflect on character development.
<b>SESSION 4</b>	July	<b>FOUNDATION 3: LEADING WHERE YOU ARE</b> We find ourselves in many different places – home, school, church, clubs, groups etc. How do we lead well in all these situations?
See mentor	July	Explore the different leadership roles we have and review GL-YE Part 1.
<b>Part 2: Key Skills of Christian Leadership</b>		
<b>SESSION 5</b>	September 24 hours away	<b>SKILL 1: GROWING YOUR GIFTS</b> This session looks at how we identify our gifts and talents and how we can most effectively use them.
See mentor	September	Discuss use of gifts and explore areas for development.
<b>SESSION 6</b>	October	<b>SKILL 2: PART OF THE TEAM</b> Leaders work with people, often in teams or groups. This session focuses on how we can support those who lead us, how we can be good team players and how to resolve difficulties within a team.
Project	October	Write a letter of encouragement.
See mentor	October	Explore working together and review GL-YE Part 2.
<b>Part 3: Keeping faithful in Christian leadership</b>		
<b>SESSION 7</b>	November	<b>KEEPING 1: THE BIGGER PICTURE</b> Leaders need to have a global perspective, aware of what's going on in other parts of the world and the role that we have in supporting leaders facing persecution. We'll also reflect on what the cost of leadership is for us.
See mentor	November	Explore costly leadership and a spiritual disciplines review.
<b>SESSION 8</b>	December	<b>KEEPING 2: KEEPING ON GROWING</b> Leadership is a marathon not a sprint. How do we run a marathon well?
See mentor	December	Explore how we can keep on growing and review the course.
Review	December	Course leaders to review how it went, identify next steps for those who attended, and begin to plan the next course by identifying possible leaders and participants.