

1. Take ownership of your own soul. John 15. Take responsibility and necessary measures to cultivate the personal and communal habits and practices to abide in Christ.

2. True Incarnation. John 1:14. We show up & pursue kids (both church and non-church kids) in their world and on their turf during the week outside of S2 events/meetings & church gatherings.

3. Pray & Love each other well. 1Sam12:23.

4. Speak truth. Proverbs 27:17. To one another and to kids. Not just calling out sin, but calling out apathy & laziness, yet also affirming & uplifting the positive.

5. Passionate pursuit of holiness. 1Tim4:12. "Speech, life, love, faith, purity." Our language and behavior are above reproach.

6. Lives marked by self-sacrifice. Luke 9:23. Seek to serve and not be served. Possess an attitude of "All In." Sacrifice comes in the form of time, comfort, convenience, status, money, other pursuits.

7. Perseverance/Grit. Romans 5:3. Not easily deterred by resistance or rejection. See it through. Go the long way. Find a way. Make it happen. No excuses and no whining.

8. Mission drives community. Matt 4:19. Student ministry is a mission. S2 is not a Christian fishbowl or a place for leaders to get their social/emotional/spiritual needs met.

9. Take risks. Acts 20:24. Initiate with each other and students. Ask the hard follow up question. Pursue even if you don't feel accepted or think you're making progress. Seek to reach out and get uncomfortable.

10. Active Members. Hebrews 10:24-25. Active church member at Sojourn East who participates in the life of the church.



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## EXPECTATIONS: What S2 Leaders Do

Outward on mission to peers with us leaders.

Outside themselves with challenges to experience significance.

Onto the next life stage, faith community, or mentor with confidence & competence

## MOVE THEM OUT

Consistently at all S2 meetings, events, trips, camps, gatherings etc. Commit to a full year.

Engaged, interested & prepared.

Intentionally engage students in their world, outside of S2, at least once a week.

#### **BE PRESENT**



#### CREATE SAFE PLACE & SPACE

Be a leader, not a "buddy." Set the standard, set the tone. Keep the bar high.

# AUTHENTIC DEMONSTRATION

Invite them into your faith practices and spiritual life.

Invite them into your friendships, networks and family.

Invite them into the ordinary and mundane experiences of your daily life when faith is lived out.

### PARTNER WITH PARENTS

Cue the parent with information, updates, plans goals, affirm you're on their team.

Honor the parent. Give them the benefit of the doubt and the final word.

Reinforce the family. This will always be the primary and permanent place of formation & experience. Respect the process of growth, failure, and transformation. Students are people not projects.

> Guard the heart by protecting emotions, acceptance, safety, confidence, trust, inclusivity.