

## Parent Curriculum Guide

### Study: **Becoming An Eagle**

#### Overview:

For quite a few years, many student ministries have adopted a defensive mindset. If we could just keep kids off drugs, out of the back seat, and away from alcohol...but this is no longer enough. Our leadership strategy must be more aggressive than "just say no" to Fill-in-the-Blank. This curriculum was developed to help you grow soaring eagles instead of bobbing pigeons whose only goal in life is to escape the oncoming traffic.

#### **Session One:** The Plight...A Cry For Leaders

Central Bible Truth: Our society has a desperate need for leaders.

Focal Passage: I Samuel 17:29-52

#### Outline:

1. David knew that where God guides He also provides, so David faced a giant without fear. – v.32
2. David knew that God gave him smaller victories to prepare him for greater challenges. – vv. 33-37
3. David knew his victories would encourage others. – vv.51-52

#### Questions For Discussion:

1. Why is there such a great need for godly leaders?
2. Can you picture yourself being the kind of leader that David was.

#### **Session Two:** The Light...Jesus Our Servant – Leader Model

Central Bible Truth: Jesus is our role model for how to be a good leader.

Focal Passage: John 13:1-17

#### Outline:

1. Stoop to serve – John 13:1-17
2. Sacrifice to serve – Philippians 2:5-7
3. Seeking to serve – Matthew 20:27

#### Questions For Discussion:

1. Why does serving others make someone a better leader?
2. Who can you begin to serve today?

### **Session Three: The Sight...Finding Your Vision**

Central Bible Truth: It is crucial that leaders know what vision is and how to implement a God given one.

Focal Passage: Proverbs 29:18

#### Outline:

1. Four Benefits Of A Vision
  - a. A vision helps you reach your potential. – Nehemiah 1:5
  - b. A vision gives you direction. – Nehemiah 2:18
  - c. A vision brings you joy. – Nehemiah 12:27
  - d. A vision causes you to trust God. – Nehemiah 2:7-8
2. Cost Of A Vision
  - a. Abraham – Genesis 13:10-18
  - b. Joseph – Genesis 37 & 39
  - c. Paul – Acts 21:27
  - d. Jesus – Luke 23:46
3. Five Steps For Developing A Vision
  - a. Thought it
  - b. Caught it
  - c. Bought it
  - d. Got it
  - e. Taught it

#### Questions For Discussion:

1. Why is it important to have a vision?
2. How can you tell if a vision is of the Lord?
3. What are some practical ways to realize your vision?

### **Session Four: The Might...A Growth Plan**

Central Bible Truth: Every good leader must develop a growth plan.

Focal Passage: 1 Corinthians 9:26

#### Outline:

1. How To Develop A Growth Plan
  - a. Develop Spiritual Disciplines
    1. Read the Bible
    2. Pray
    3. Read Quality Christian books
    4. Listen to sermons and inspirational leaders
  - b. Involve yourself with other believers
    1. A mentor
    2. An encourager
    3. A protégé
2. How To Sabotage Your Growth Plan
  - a. Wrong choices
  - b. No self-discipline
  - c. Procrastination
  - d. No accountability

#### Questions For Discussion:

1. Why is it important to have a growth plan?
2. What should be in a growth plan?

**Session Five: The Flight...Developing Others Around You**

Central Bible Truth: True leadership impact comes from investing your life in others.

Focal Passage: 2 Timothy 2:2

Outline:

1. Discipleship Defined – What Is It To Me?
2. Discipleship Desired – Why Not Me?
  - a. Realize your potential
  - b. Realize your need for persistence
  - c. Realize the importance of people
3. Discipleship Determined - What Happens When I Commit?
  - a. People will be envious of your commitment. – Daniel 3:8-12
  - b. People will question your commitment – Daniel 3:14
  - c. People will test and expect you to demonstrate your commitment. – Daniel 3:19-22
  - d. People are changed by your commitment. – Daniel 3:28
  - e. You are changed and often rewarded for your commitment. – Daniel 3:30

Questions For Discussion:

1. Why is discipleship so important?
2. How is someone discipled?
3. Who is someone that I can disciple?