

SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP



2026-2027
Program Guide

WELCOME

Dear Young Leader,

Whether you realize it or not, God has called you to lead in this generation. Right now, you have a unique opportunity to dedicate a season of your life to becoming a leader who truly reflects Jesus.

The School of Leadership is a call to step into the potential God has placed inside of you. It is a place where your life becomes rooted in His presence, where your faith is strengthened, your character is formed, and your purpose begins to take shape.

Throughout this year, you will be immersed in the Word of God, challenged to grow, and equipped to live out your faith with confidence. More than anything, this is a place to encounter Jesus in a real and personal way. We believe that time with Him is what transforms ordinary lives into ones that impact the world.

The desire for purpose, belonging, and lasting relationships is not accidental—it is placed in you by God. At the School of Leadership, you will be surrounded by a community that is committed to pursuing Him together, growing together, and stepping into all that He has called you to be.

We believe God is raising up a generation of disciples who are rooted in truth, filled with faith, and ready to make a difference. This is your moment to step into that calling.

Your time is now. Your opportunity is here. Your future is waiting.

With great love for this generation,

Pastor Jared Hodgson

Director, School of Leadership

OUR FOUNDATION

The School of Leadership exists to equip young adults to know Jesus deeply, become healthy leaders, and live lives that advance His Kingdom. Through nine months of intentional discipleship, biblical teaching, leadership development, and hands-on ministry, students are equipped to faithfully follow Jesus in every area of life.

VISION

To raise up confident, healthy, and Spirit-filled disciples who lead in their lives, families, and communities—advancing God’s Kingdom in every sphere of influence.

MISSION

To equip and empower young adults through intentional discipleship, biblical teaching, and spiritual formation.

Core Values



Presence

We prioritize encountering God and cultivating lives rooted in worship, prayer, and relationship with Him.



Identity

We believe transformation begins with knowing who you are in Christ and living from that identity.



Character

We are committed to developing integrity, humility, and Christlike character in every area of life.



Community

We cultivate a culture of honor, unity and authentic relationships where people grow together.



Activation

We don't just learn—we live it. We equip and release students to use their gifts, serve others, and lead with confidence wherever God calls them.

WHY SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP?

The School of Leadership is more than a program—it is an intentional season to pursue Jesus wholeheartedly, discover who He has created you to be, and prepare for a lifetime of faithfully following Him.

An Intentional Season

Some seasons shape the direction of your life. Setting aside nine months to intentionally pursue Jesus creates space for Him to deepen your faith, establish lifelong convictions, and prepare you for whatever He calls you to next.

A Deeper Relationship with God

Everything we do is centered on knowing Jesus. Through daily worship, prayer, and time in God's Word, you'll learn to pursue His presence for yourself and build a relationship with Him that extends far beyond a program, leader, or season of life.

Real Growth Through Real Discipleship

You won't walk this year alone. You'll be mentored, challenged, encouraged, and personally invested in by leaders who are committed to helping you grow.

Learning That Changes the Way You Live

As you study Scripture and apply what you're learning through leadership, ministry, and serving others, your faith will move beyond the classroom and become part of your everyday life.

A Community That Shapes You

You weren't created to follow Jesus alone. You'll build authentic friendships, learn to encourage and serve others, and experience the kind of Christ-centered relationships that continue long after the School of Leadership year ends.

A WEEK IN SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP

Life in the School of Leadership follows a consistent rhythm designed to cultivate spiritual growth, biblical learning, authentic community, and practical ministry experience.

Each week includes:

- Daily worship and prayer
- Biblical teaching and classroom instruction
- Independent study and reading
- Small groups and community life
- Leadership development
- Ministry and outreach opportunities
- Physical wellness and exercise
- Serving within the local church

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sunday
Worship & Prayer Video Series Lunch Instruction or Outreach Gym	Doctrine Class Worship & Prayer Lunch Instruction or Guest Speaker Gym	Worship & Prayer Instruction Lunch Book Club Instruction	Worship & Prayer Biblical Exegesis Lunch Doctrine Class Church Clean Thursday Club	Church Services

Beyond the Classroom

Learning extends beyond the classroom through serving in the local church, local outreach, and a mission trip to Costa Rica, giving students opportunities to put their faith into practice.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

The School of Leadership curriculum is designed to help you know God more deeply, understand His Word, and faithfully follow Him. Through biblical teaching, practical application, and intentional discipleship, you'll be equipped with truth that shapes every area of life.

Know God More Deeply

Study Scripture, biblical doctrine, and theology while learning how to understand, interpret, and confidently apply God's Word to everyday life.

Discover Your Identity

Learn what it means to live from your identity in Christ, experience greater freedom, and confidently walk in who God created you to be.

Learn to Hear God's Voice

Cultivate a lifestyle of prayer, worship, and dependence on the Holy Spirit while becoming more sensitive to His leading.

Develop Christlike Character

Develop humility, integrity, emotional maturity, spiritual disciplines, and the character needed to faithfully follow Jesus.

Lead & Serve Others

Strengthen your leadership, communication, and relational skills as you learn to lead with a servant's heart.

◆ How You'll Learn

You'll learn through a variety of experiences, including:

- Biblical classroom teaching
- Small group discussions
- Mentorship and discipleship

◆ Featured Courses

- Doctrine
- Biblical Exegesis
- Public Speaking
- Motivational Gifts
- Freedom Class
- Additional teaching from Victory Faith pastors and guest speakers.

These featured courses represent only a portion of what students explore during the School of Leadership year. As the program continues to grow and evolve, additional courses, books, guest speakers, and ministry experiences may be incorporated throughout the year.

THE SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Some of the most meaningful moments of the School of Leadership happen outside the classroom. Lessons aren't simply taught—they're experienced. As you serve, travel, worship, and share everyday life with your classmates, you'll encounter God in new ways and create memories that will stay with you long after the School of Leadership year ends.

Serving in the Local Church

Serving is an essential part of the School of Leadership experience. As you become part of the life of Victory Faith, you'll use your gifts, serve alongside others, and gain practical ministry experience in the local church.

Retreats, Conferences, & Special Events

Retreats, conferences, outreach opportunities, and special events provide space to step away from the ordinary, encounter God in fresh ways, strengthen friendships, and create memories that often become some of the highlights of the year.

Mission Experience

Students participate in a mission trip to Costa Rica, partnering with local churches and ministries to serve communities, share the Gospel, and experience cross-cultural ministry.

Second-Year Opportunities

For students who complete the first year, a second year of the School of Leadership provides additional biblical study, expanded leadership opportunities, increased ministry responsibility, and an educational trip along the East Coast.

SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP HOUSING

School of Leadership housing is much more than a place to stay—it's one of the most meaningful parts of the School of Leadership experience. Living together creates opportunities to build lifelong friendships, share everyday life, encourage one another, and grow in ways that simply can't happen in a classroom alone.

Life Together

For nine months, you'll live alongside classmates who quickly become more than roommates. From sharing meals and celebrating birthdays to late-night conversations, game nights, spontaneous adventures, and encouraging one another through life's highs and lows, the house becomes a place where friendships grow and lifelong memories are made.

Learning Through Everyday Life

Some of the greatest moments of growth happen in the ordinary rhythms of living together. Cooking meals, caring for the home, serving one another, and working through everyday situations provide opportunities to develop responsibility, servant leadership, and Christlike character.

What's Included

Every student lives in School of Leadership housing throughout the school year.

Housing includes:

- Shared furnished housing
- Utilities and Wi-Fi
- Basic groceries
- Shared kitchen and laundry facilities
- Household supplies
- House supervision

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

The School of Leadership is led by a team that is deeply committed to investing in students. You'll be taught, encouraged, challenged, and personally cared for by leaders who are passionate about helping you grow.



Jared Hodgson | Director

Pastor Jared has served as the Director of the School of Leadership for over 15 years. He is passionate about equipping students with a strong understanding of God's Word and helping them grow into healthy, Spirit-led leaders who faithfully follow Jesus.



Zoe Damon | Assistant Director

Zoe has served with the School of Leadership for over five years and has a deep passion for God's Word, discipleship, and the presence of God. She loves helping students grow in confidence, discover their identity in Christ, and faithfully walk in the purpose God has for their lives.



Mairin McDonald | School of Leadership Assistant

Mairin is passionate about helping people develop a real and personal relationship with Jesus. She cares deeply about seeing young adults experience healing, restoration, and growth as they learn to walk closely with Him.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Program

- Nine-month, full-time program
- September–June
- Monday-Thursday + Sundays
- Victory Faith | Spokane Valley, WA

Eligibility

- Ages 18–25
- Single
- Able to commit to the full program

Tuition

\$7,750

Includes:

- School of Leadership Housing
- Basic groceries
- Curriculum & supplies
- School-related travel
- Conferences
- Costa Rica mission trip

Additional Expenses

Students should plan for personal expenses such as transportation, phone, spending money, and passport fees.

IS THE SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP RIGHT FOR YOU?

The School of Leadership is designed for young adults who are ready to intentionally pursue Jesus and fully invest in a season of discipleship. While this year is deeply rewarding, it is also stretching. Students who get the most out of the experience come with a willing heart, a teachable spirit, and a desire to be transformed by God.

Ready to Fully Invest

School of Leadership is a full-time commitment. Students who thrive are those who are fully present, actively engaged, and willing to embrace every opportunity the year provides.

Ready to Be Challenged

Growth often requires stepping outside your comfort zone. You'll be encouraged to receive feedback, develop new habits, take on responsibility, and allow God to shape your character.

Ready to Grow

This program is for students who genuinely desire to know Jesus more, deepen their understanding of Scripture, and become more like Him.

Ready to Live in Community

Because every student lives together during the year, a willingness to serve others, communicate well, and contribute to a healthy, Christ-centered community is an important part of the School of Leadership experience.

No one begins the School of Leadership with everything figured out—and that's okay. We aren't looking for students who have arrived; we're looking for students who are willing to pursue Jesus wholeheartedly and allow Him to shape their lives.

READY TO APPLY?

If you're ready to take the next step, we'd love to walk with you through the application process.

✓ Step 1: Complete the Application

Fill out the online application and submit all required materials.

✓ Step 2: Attend an Interview

After reviewing your application, we'll contact you to schedule an interview. This is an opportunity for us to get to know you, hear your story, and answer any questions you may have.

✓ Step 3: Begin Your Journey

Following your interview, you'll be notified of your admissions decision. If accepted, we'll provide everything you need to prepare for the School of Leadership year.

Our hope isn't simply that you have a great year. Our hope is that years from now you'll still be faithfully following Jesus because of what He established in your life during this season. We'd be honored to be part of that journey.

FAQ

Here are answers to some of the questions we hear most often from prospective students.

Who is the School of Leadership for?

The School of Leadership is designed for single young adults (ages 18–25) who desire to pursue Jesus, grow in their faith, and intentionally invest in a season of discipleship.

I am not planning on going into ministry. Is School of Leadership for me?

Absolutely! The School of Leadership isn't designed only for those pursuing vocational ministry. Our goal is to help you become deeply rooted in God's Word so you can faithfully follow Jesus—whether God leads you into ministry, the marketplace, education, business, or raising a family.

Can I work while attending the program?

Because the School of Leadership is a full-time program, we do not recommend outside employment during your first year. The schedule and expectations are designed to allow students to fully invest in everything the year offers.

Where will I live during the school year?

All students live in School of Leadership housing throughout the program. Separate housing for men and women is provided and included in tuition.

Is there a mission trip?

Yes! Students participate in a mission trip to Costa Rica as part of the School of Leadership experience. The cost of the trip is included in tuition.

Is there an application deadline?

We encourage applicants to apply by **June 30** to allow time for interviews, housing, fundraising, and preparation for the school year. Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Is previous Bible school or ministry experience required?

No. Students come from a variety of backgrounds. What matters most is a desire to pursue Jesus and a willingness to learn, grow, and fully invest in the School of Leadership experience.

Do I need to attend Victory Faith Church to apply?

No. We welcome students from a variety of churches and backgrounds. While students become actively involved in the life of Victory Faith throughout the School of Leadership year, you do not need to currently attend Victory Faith to apply.

What do graduates do after the School of Leadership?

Our graduates faithfully serve Jesus in churches, businesses, classrooms, homes, nonprofits, and communities. Whether they pursue ministry, education, business, missions, or family life, our goal is to prepare them to faithfully follow Jesus wherever He leads.

Still have questions?

We'd love to connect with you! If you have additional questions or would like to learn more about the School of Leadership, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'd be happy to help.

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