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# Section One:

**Introducing Leadership 365  
Advanced**

## Introduction

Developing a great student leadership team is an ongoing, involved process. Helping students become the best leaders they can be takes insight, knowledge, wisdom and discipline. At LeaderTrekks, we have spent the better part of two decades devoted to advancing student leadership in the Christian church. Leadership 365 Volume 2 is a natural extension of our desire to help students discover their leadership potential. LeaderTrekks is challenging the local church to make leadership development a core of student ministry. After talking with youth pastors all over the country about what they need in order to develop student leaders, we saw a unique need for a year-round curriculum that trains student leaders. More than a special summer emphasis or weekend retreat, Leadership 365 prioritizes leadership in your student ministry all year long.

Both volumes of Leadership 365 feature a dynamic combination of articles/resources plus two semesters of practical lessons. In Leadership 365 Volume 1, the resources focused on the proper strategy for implementing and growing a student leadership team including: selecting the students, designing the structure of the team and clarifying adult roles. Students learned who leaders are and what leaders do through two semesters of lessons. In Volume 2, the resources and articles evaluate the effectiveness of your student leadership team, examine the characteristics of a healthy group of student leaders, discuss how to maintain excitement and momentum and determine how to set goals as a team for the new ministry year.

This resource also provides two semesters of critical lessons in leadership development that are even more challenging. Your students will learn essential leadership skills that will help them be successful as a team and as leaders in your ministry. Because we believe that leaders are made, not born, we are committed to teaching principles of leadership that can be learned.

## How is Leadership 365 Volume 2 different from Volume 1?

The Leadership 365 Series is an all-inclusive manual for developing and maximizing a student leadership team. Volume 1 focuses on helping you get a student leadership team started and working smoothly. It is a great place to start if you don't have a team of student leaders in place and you are wondering where to begin. It is also very helpful if you need to make significant changes to the way your current team is operating. Volume 2 will help you take your leadership team to the next level with the following additions:

### ***Evaluation Activities:***

In the opening section of the Facilitator's Guide, are resources to guide you in examining the effectiveness of your student leadership program. Evaluating your program and implementing the necessary changes will be essential to the long term health of your student leadership program. Some of your student leaders may be returning, while some may be new this year. Doing the evaluation activities in Volume 2 will help your team unite around a common vision and develop a strong, shared identity as a team.

### ***New Lessons on Leadership:***

Both volumes of Leadership 365 include lessons on important leadership topics. In Volume 2 we expand on the ideas introduced in Volume 1 and increase the challenge and application level required of students. By doing these lessons as a team, your students will understand leadership on a deeper level and be able to use that knowledge to better lead their peers. "Generating Change" is an exclusive feature of Volume 2 and brings a new level of challenge in each lesson. It is an intentional effort to move students through 12 consecutive experiences and evaluations that will promote significant change. The content in Volume 2 provides all the proper fuel for the student to understand and implement leadership, and this new "Generating Change" feature is the match that will light the flame.

## Can I use Leadership 365 Advanced if I haven't used Leadership 365 before?

Leadership 365 Volume 2 has been designed with a natural progression in mind. Volume 1 helps answer the question, "How do I start a student leadership team?" By carefully examining your goals for your student leaders and starting with the end in mind, you will avoid many of the common pitfalls that hamper student leadership development. Volume 2 answers a new question, "How do I take my student leadership team to the next level?" The answer to this question will also depend on your goals and desired outcomes. Taking a hard look at your current student leadership program and identifying what needs to change will be the key to success.

We would suggest using both volumes of Leadership 365 over a two-year time frame. These resources will guide you toward your goal of developing capable student leaders. By implementing the ideas in this series, you will create a strong nucleus of student leadership potential in your ministry. Where you choose to go from there depends on the strength of the vision you have for your student leaders.

## What will students learn?

This resource provides two semesters of critical lessons in leadership development:

**Semester One** focuses on what it takes to get to the next level in students' emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth within the context of leadership. While some students studying Volume 2 may feel like they have already "arrived" at a certain level of leadership, this semester throws wide open the possibility for your team to perform at never-before-experienced levels of trust and success. A special series-within-a-series will take a look at the key network of relationships every leader must have (mentors, apprentices and peers).

**Semester Two** The next series of lessons will take you and your team through a large-scale leadership practicum to apply all they are learning about leadership. It's a learn-as-you-go experience that will require total commitment from every team member. It is the "next step" in their leadership development as they learn to prepare and execute a leadership project from A-Z.

## How do the lessons work?

We have isolated a different facet of leadership each week and packaged it with illustrations and learning activities that communicate truth in a student-friendly way.

Each lesson easily fits a 60-90 minute timeframe. Lesson features include:

- Introduction: introduces the goals of the lesson
- *Going Public*: an intriguing question to kick off your study that requires students to "go public" about their own personal experience with a certain truth
- *Getting Focused*: an illustration or quote to probe the topic
- *Growing Deeper*: scriptural study
- *Generating Change*: an experiment in personal change
- Summary: recap of the lesson in a student-friendly, one-page sheet

God's plan in building His Kingdom requires fully developed student leaders who are ready to assume real leadership roles. Leadership 365 provides exactly what you need to make this goal a reality in your student ministry week after week.