**Teens Curriculum – Leader Training**

**Presenter Notes**

**Materials**: Presenter Notes, Power Point

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**Slide 1 – Welcome**

Welcome to the Teens Curriculum Leader Training! Our goal is to challenge our teenaged students, so they are confidently rooted in the truth, even in our turbulent world. I value your time -thank you for coming to this meeting!

**Slide 2 – What Are Our Goals?**

When I think about the students who are going to attend on a regular basis, here are some of the goals we have for teenagers:

1. Confidence in articulating the Gospel.
2. Understanding the big picture of the Bible - how is it all connected?
3. These students should know AND use the DL Top 12 verses - the 12 key Bible verses that we return to in each lesson.
4. Ability to defend their faith using basic apologetics. They don’t just know their Bible; they can give historical evidence for its reliability.
5. Ability to clearly communicate their testimony of salvation - how did they become a believer, and how do they know that they’re saved?
6. Internalization and personalization of faith - daily devotions and prayer.
7. Development of a biblical worldview. They know how to filter the world through God’s Word, standing firm for Christ and using Scripture as their foundation. They are not afraid of other world religions, but are rather passionate about reaching the lost, fulfilling the Great Commission.
8. A worshipful lifestyle - they know who their God is, and they live accordingly. We expect to see spiritual fruit!
9. Understanding of their place in Bible history. As members of the Church Age, they understand that they are sealed by the Holy Spirit (their salvation is assured), and they are living with anticipation of Christ’s return.

Wow! That’s a lot, isn’t it?! But it’s not impossible! We’ve crafted a curriculum that intentionally disciples students with these goals in mind.

**Slide 3 – Who is our audience?**

* Regular Attenders
* 50% Students
* Seasonal Students

Considering DL is effective, these three groups will shine for the good and the bad…

Teacher should lean towards teaching the regular attenders, and the shepherds need to focus on the 50% students and seasonal students.

Tips: Challenge your advanced students to lead the small groups, role play…have high expectations.

**Slide 4 – Year of Transition**

Transition for the teachers and the students

Growth areas for students:

* Group discussions
* Prayer
* Working as a small group
* Thinking…unpacking Scripture
* Personal accountability (Own it)

**Slide 5 – 4 Rights**

Make it a filter for Scripture and life.

* Know Right
* Think Right
* Do Right
* Feel Right

**Slide 6 – Outline of the Class**

* Pre-Service Review Game and Worship
* Own it (5-10)
* Opening activity (15)
* Lesson
* Conclusion

**Slide 7 – Worship Time**

**Slide 8 – Own It!**

Quarter 1 - Scripture in your pocket

* Why & what to memorize? (Know Right)
* When to think about Scripture? (Think Right)
* Use what you memorize (Do Right)

Quarter 2 - Personal Devos booklet

* Why and what are devotions?
* How do you do devotions?

Quarter 3 - Prayer

* + Why pray?
  + Writing prayers
  + Praying with a partner
  + Tracking prayer requests and answers to prayers

**Slide 9 – Month 1**

* Who is God?
* Missions/World Religions
* The Bible: Is it truth? History of the Bible Part 1 - Facts

**Slide 10 – Months 2-3**

* The Bible: Is it truth? History of the Bible Part 2 – Apologetics
* Processing the New Testament Timeline to prepare for the court case
* Court Case – Part 1 and Part 2
* Church Age
* Baptism and Communion

**Slide 11 – Months 4-6**

* Finish studying the New Testament
* Talk about the Holy Spirit
* Music – Worship/Entertainment

**Slide 12 – Months 6-9**

* Friendship, Dating & Marriage
* Writing and communicating your testimony of salvation
* Witnessing
* Spiritual Gifts
* Serving in your church

**Slide 13 – Teacher vs Facilitator**

Teacher

* Talks the majority of the time
* Students are sitting and listening
* Asks questions with concrete answers

Facilitator

* Presents and allows space for students to process and ask questions
* Draws students back to truth
* Has a goal to see students confident not confused

**Slide 14 – The role of the Shepherd**

* Assisting in small groups as needed
* Looking for students without friends
* Challenging students to think deeper
* Prepared to present the Gospel
* Prepared to have individual conversations
* Ready to assist the teacher as needed (Know the curriculum)
* Should be doing the “Own It” portion of the lesson
* Should be personally applying the lesson

**Slide 15 – Housekeeping**

* + Notebooks for 1st semester to prepare for the court case
  + Tracker’s Treasures with daily devotions
  + Tracker Tickets…still a real deal