

Xcelerate Leadership Retreat - November 25-27, 2011

We're writing to invite you to send some of your most promising student leaders to a leadership development experience that is designed specifically for them. Over 7 years of running Xcelerate Retreats we have developed an effective method for encouraging and equipping gifted young leaders. The very act of sending a student to this retreat speaks volumes to them about your faith in their potential as a leader. This event is also helpful for identifying students who may be the right fit for other leadership opportunities within our ministries.

At this retreat youth will experience short teaching sessions with a variety of ministry leaders, interactive problem solving activities with other peers, small group interaction and times of reflection and prayer. Our goal is to expose students to several leadership qualities consistently found in top-notch leaders and give them practices to help them further develop these qualities.

Several aspects of Xcelerate borrow from the leadership development techniques of Jesus. For one thing, we will be pouring high-quality time into a relatively small number of people - there will be a maximum of 30 students at this retreat. Furthermore, as Jesus chose his own closest disciples, contrary to the Rabbinic culture of his day, so students who attend Xcelerate will come by invitation and will be hand-selected by you.

In order for Xcelerate to have maximum impact, we need to have the right students coming...and that's where we need your help. Please reflect on the students in your ministry who...

- Are committed Christians in grades 11 or 12
- Demonstrate leadership aptitude in their school, community or church
- Are considered to be a leader by their peers
- You can envision in leadership in the future

Again, our desire with this retreat is to further build into students in your ministry who are already recognized as leaders and who demonstrate their leadership in God-honouring ways. Maybe you have a few students who fit the bill, and that's great! Here's what to do next:

1. Speak to them about attending Xcelerate and provide them with the student letter and registration form.
2. Work with them to complete the downloadable registration form found at thecsl.com by November 20, 2011.
3. Consider your church further partnering with your students by contributing to the registration fee.

Xcelerate happens on November 25-27, 2011 at the CSL's Retreat Centre in Clarksburg. The cost of the retreat is \$125/student. We can't wait to see how God is going to work in the lives of these students. If you have any questions please contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

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