

# Conduct & Behavioural Expectations

## for Student Leaders

### Preface

Being a student leader is a big deal. As a leader in God's Kingdom you set an example for your peers and for those younger than you. However, we know very well that nobody is perfect and that God always forgives sin. Therefore we want to hold leaders to high expectations while always offering forgiveness and grace.

We also recognize that student leaders are in different places in their faith. Some are totally committed to Jesus. Others are at the beginning stage of their faith exploration. We want student leadership to be open to everyone while recognizing that certain roles (e.g., teachers) require a higher level of faith commitment than others.

The following sections lay out an agreement that all student leaders must agree to in its entirety. Failure to uphold these expectations *may* result in suspension or dismissal from student leadership.

### General Expectations

All who serve as student leaders in Queensway Baptist Church are representatives of Jesus Christ and the wider Christian community. As a visible role model and servant leader, I agree to:

- **Live a life that seeks to honour the example of Jesus Christ.** I may not be perfect, but I am trying to live a life that Jesus would be pleased with.
- **Pursue my own personal growth.** While I am a student leader I will be connected to activities that help me grow in faith and leadership.
- **Strive for unity and oppose divisiveness.** I will support and encourage my fellow leaders. I will not talk about my fellow leaders behind their backs.
- **Teach with integrity if I am in a teaching role.** I will teach the scriptures with integrity, seeking God's guidance, and preparing diligently. If I am new to faith or in a non-teaching role, I will allow my questions and other contributions to enrich the learning environment.
- **Be accountable for my own conduct.** I will own up to my mistakes.
- **Hold my fellow leaders accountable for their conduct in gentleness.** If I notice that one of my fellow leaders is "caught in sin", I will deal with it in a godly way. I will start with approaching my fellow leader directly in love. If he/she remains unrepentant or unchanged in regards to their sinful behaviour, I will notify church leaders.
- **Be gracious and accepting if asked to step down from leadership.** If my behaviour or conduct should disqualify me from leadership, and I am asked to step down, I will graciously do so.

### Critical Expectations

As a student leader in Queensway Baptist Church, I agree to:

- Treat all people with dignity regardless of their gender, race, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, physical impairment, or disability.
- Not be aggressive or abusive.
- Not engage in criminal activity.
- Maintain Godly relationships with the opposite sex. I will avoid pornography.
- Not consume alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Not use my leadership position to take advantage of someone else.