



Ministry Quest is a one-year, two-stage program for high school students ages 16-18 who are curious about exploring God's call and their potential for ministry leadership. Ministry Quest's values of partnering with the local church, creating community, developing mentoring relationships and utilizing ministry experiences make the program unique and innovative.

### **STAGE ONE: Charting Your Course**

The first stage opens with a kick-off intensive retreat in which students will consider what it means to be "called." This stage also includes 13 mentoring sessions with a leader from their home church as well as observing their pastor in two distinct ministry settings.

### **STAGE TWO: Setting Your Sail**

The second stage focuses on "vocation" and understanding more about one's self, leadership and ministry. This stage includes 13 more mentoring sessions, a significant mission experience and concludes with a closing intensive retreat in which you are sent out for leadership and ministry.

### **Costs:**

Currently tuition is set for \$150 per stage (2 stages) for students and \$350/stage per student, paid by the home church.

## **Program Elements**

### **Retreat:**

The six-day intensive is designed to help Ministry Quest participants, who are starting the program, hear call stories from others, ask pressing questions, explore what it means to be called by God and discover the ministry to which God is calling them. At the same time, students finishing the program will consider how they can live out God's call in the context of vocation and be sent out to lead and serve.

Two sets of Ministry Quest participants take part in the same annual retreat – those beginning the program and those concluding it. So, the "intensive" both opens and closes the program for MQ participants and the interaction between the two groups has amazing potential for growth.

**Mentoring Sessions:**

During both stages students will be paired with a mentor from their church and together they will explore the basics of what it means to follow after Jesus and live out God's call in leadership and ministry.

**Ministry Experience:**

During the second stage, Setting Your Sail, students will engage a significant mission/ministry experience that tests different components of ministry – leadership, care ministry and service.