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**How Can We
Outreach and Serve
Our Campus?**



It Starts With The Heart!

Word Wisdom

READ

To serve your campus, you must first have your heart right!

Christ's Example:

- Matthew 20:28—"...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."
- Philippians 2:7—"but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

Our Turn:

- Matthew 20:26—"Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant..."
- Ephesians 6:7—"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men..."

THINK

Philippians 2:6-8 tells us that Christ humbled himself by coming to earth as a human being and serving US and setting an example for us in how we should serve others. When we understand how He has loved us in that way, we then in turn, serve others and exhibit Christ's love to them. If we truly want to live as representatives of Christ and if we understand how much our peers need to know Him, then we will pray that the Lord would give us a servant's heart and the desire to serve. By unselfishly serving others (and making it a priority to reach them with the gospel) we are making God's love evident to them in a way they can see and understand and it will radically affect their lives.

Others' salvation should come before your own comfort.

He washed our feet...now it's your turn, what will you do?

Examine your heart and ask the Lord to give you the desire to serve!

DO

- Wake up each morning and pray that God would give you an opportunity to serve/share that day.
- Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and that you would be obedient to His leading.
- Commit to purposefully loving others and showing them compassion, no matter who they are.
- Make the sacrifice to be others-focused and to serve/reach out to your peers the way Christ has called you to!

* Galatians 5:13
...rather, serve one another in love.

* Colossians 3:24
...since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

* Philemon 1:6
I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

Story Time:

The power of working together:

In Butler, Georgia several churches gathered together across denominational lines to sponsor cooperative outreaches. First they ran a lock-in with over 500 attending. Later they ran a cooperative evening rally on the local high school campus. More than 60 students met Christ in these meetings!



Reaching Your Mission Field!

As soon as you walk out your bedroom door, you enter your mission field!

THINK

Think strategically about your campus. What are some different groups of people represented? Think about where everyone sits at lunch. Now think about where there are Christians on your campus. Who do they hang out with and where do they sit at lunch? If you all work together to reach out and serve your peers, amazing things will happen!

Now think on a smaller scale. Think about the various classrooms you are in during the day. Where do you sit and who sits around you? Are there other Christians in the class? How can you, as believers, spread out in the class and form relationships with the students sitting around you?

Outreach and service require a combination of thinking, planning, and obeying the Holy Spirit. The most important thing is making yourself available for the Lord to use, no matter where you are.

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Ways you can strategically share Christ in your classroom!

With Other Students:

- Consciously pray for and reach out to the students seated around you. Brainstorm about their interests and what would engage them in conversation and help create a relationship. The way you share your faith will always differ depending on the person you're sharing with.
- Use classroom discussions/assignments to share something related to or rooted in your faith (but don't overdo it or get preachy, be cool about it!)
- Ask good questions that cause people to think and spark discussion.
- Ask students how they're doing and mean it...be interested in their lives.

With Your Teachers:

- Be a good student. Do your homework, be a part of discussions, pay attention and be interested in class, be diligent, be an active listener, and be responsible to use the intelligence God has given you.
- Ask THEM how they are doing (that will shock them!) and be interested in their lives...be willing to pray for them, and let them know that.
- Do not purposely push their buttons but be knowledgeable and be firm in what you believe and be willing to share in humility if presented with the opportunity. Be willing to do research on a topic and share your findings with your teacher. ALWAYS speak the truth in love and try to stick to the facts.
- Don't kiss up...teachers see right through that and so do the other students. Always be genuine.
- Always make sure you have a teachable attitude. God has called us to respect those in authority over us.

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Story Time:

One school in Southern California has had a lunchtime pizza outreach for the past 6 or 7 years. Each year in April or May, the Bible Club gets local businesses to give donations and adults to volunteer their time. They book the school stadium and advertise heavily on campus about the free pizza. They have a band, a speaker who shares the Gospel story, and pizza for all who attend! They regularly get 400 or more people to come. Often they get passes from the office for those that would like to talk with the speaker afterwards. Many churches work together to support this effort.



Creative Outreach and Service Ideas!

You

Here are some ideas on what YOU can do to share with your peers and teachers!

What can YOU do to be a light to your peers on campus??

1. Carry your Bible on campus
 2. Pray!
 3. Reach out to others (whether they need a ride or just someone to eat with)
 4. Be an example in word and deed
 5. Learn to be a good friend to others
 - Characteristics of a good friend: loyal, good listener, asks questions about their life, lets them know they are loved, supportive, fun, takes interest in their hobbies, loves them unconditionally, never gossips, encouraging, comfortable to be with, asks them how they are doing and really means it
 6. Use a paper, project, article, or speech to share something related to your faith
 7. Make a personal goal to be a witness/share Christ with one person each day (pray for them!)
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PEERS

What you can do to serve and share Christ with your peers!

1. Hold SOUL AWAKENING EVENTS...an event or gathering that helps people become aware of their soul and their spiritual needs and longings. (Many of the outreaches below can fall into this category). Events like these are a **VERY important part of outreach** that most people skip over!
2. Have group members go out and use a questionnaire to ask people faith-related questions, and increase their spiritual awareness, then pray for those people. You can find examples of questionnaires at www.gocampus.org
3. Offer yourself as a tutor for people in your class so that you can build a friendship and share your faith.
4. Get your Christian teachers to give their testimonies in your group meeting and invite your non-Christian friends who like those teachers.
5. Ask one of your teachers if you can get a guest speaker to share his perspective on a topic you are learning about. Then get someone you know who is knowledgeable, like your youth pastor or a Christian college professor, who will speak on the topic.
6. Host a joint meeting between the Christian club and one of the other clubs on campus. Serve them in some way and then explain why.
7. Get a bunch of pizzas and go around at lunch asking people if they want a piece of pizza and/or if they want you to pray for them. Take every opportunity to pray for the people that are open to the idea.
8. Find a local Christian band that students would like and get permission for them to play on your campus during lunch or after school.

Word Wisdom

* 1 Peter 4:10,11
 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Story Time:

"This past New Year's Eve the students from four campus Bible Clubs...hosted a lock-in at Lake City High School. An estimated 400 to 500 students attended... between 100 and 150 students responded to the invitation to commit their lives to the Lord."

Mark Moder, Youth Pastor

— Rathdrum, Idaho



Creative Outreach and Service Ideas!

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9. Have a House of Prayer. Announce/publicize the event beforehand and tell people that if they come, they do NOT have to pray, but they will be prayed for. This is a great opportunity to introduce people to spiritual things!
 10. Celebrate peers' birthdays by bringing them balloons, a card, cake, etc.
 11. Have regular fundraisers (such as bake sales) to make your ministry visible on campus and build rapport with the students.
 12. Do an "I agree with Bob" campaign. Everyone wears a bright shirt on the same day that says "I agree with Bob"...then, when people ask what Bob thinks, you can explain that Bob believes in Christ and share the gospel.
 13. Conduct a voluntary "seekers" Bible study on campus.
 14. Hold a "See You At The Pole" prayer day at least once per year.
 15. Recommend good Christ-centered books for your friends to read.
 16. If any of your peers from school are sick, visit them in the hospital/at home.
 17. Counsel your peers that are having a hard time.
 18. Invite your peers to your youth group or an activity and make sure they feel included and that they get connected with the youth pastor and others in the group.
 19. Ask your coach if you can lead the team in prayer before a game.
 20. Have an "after-the-game" event after school basketball, football, and other games. These often have large turnouts and are awesome evangelistic opportunities.
 21. Hold a huge, crazy, fun event that would appeal to students at your school.
 22. Do something nice for a group of students (sports team, the campus at lunch, etc.) such as pass out free food, soda, snacks, or serve them in some way.
 23. Purposely reach out to, sit with, talk with, encourage those people that are usually seen as outsiders at school.
 24. Put encouraging notes on peoples' lockers, notice when they achieve something great or win an award and send them a "congrats" note.
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Story Time:

Outreach to the Community:

In many communities in Southern California, students from several campus groups will band together to do outreach events. In Westminster, CA students from local schools have done an outreach event for several years. Sometimes the event is a type of rally. A couple of years ago, the group went to Huntington Beach Pier on a Saturday for an "unplugged" worship outreach. Student worship teams from different churches participated for several hours as other students mingled in the crowd striking up conversations about the Lord.

For several years at Artesia High in California, one church catered a nice lunch for all the teachers during lunchtime. The Christian Club served them lunch while the pastor simply thanked the teachers for being so faithful to the students and community. He told his own testimony about how he met the Lord and how God changed his life. Each year, every teacher attended and they never had a single complaint!

TEACHERS

Ways you can be an example and witness to your teachers!

1. Faculty encouragement: Find a way to encourage teachers, coaches, janitors, etc. by sending them notes, bringing donuts to their room or the lounge, letting them know you are praying for them, recognizing and celebrating their birthday, etc...or...
 2. Teacher Appreciation Week: serve your teachers in a different way each day. On the last day leave a note explaining that your faith is what makes you desire to serve them.
 3. Ask how your group can be a service to your teachers or school administration.
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