
7 REASONS YOU SHOULD BE MINISTERING ON CAMPUS

1. Your Pentecostal Youth are on those campuses!



A major percentage of our own youth are attending secular institutions and need our help and encouragement to withstand the attacks of Atheism against their Faith in God and His Word. It is during the college years that most people who lose their faith, lose it. The Evangelical movement admits that 75% of their youth lose their Faith while studying in Secular Institutions.

2. *The World is at your doorstep on Campus.*

On campus there are students from every part of the country and on average 30% + of the student population on campus are international students. **You Can Be a Missionary Without Learning Languages and Spending Millions.** I'm not suggesting that we ditch traditional mission work but you do not have to look far to have access to most countries in the world. These students will return home to reach their own after you reach them.

World Missions via International Students, Is "Hell's Best Kept Secret."

Jesus's last words he gave before ascending into heaven was "make disciples of all nations." It's been called the "Pentecost Parallel". Acts 2:5 tells us that, "There were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from *every nation under heaven.*" The same is happening in our 21st century campuses. (Leeds, England and Pastor Miller)

3. **Students Are Among the Future Business owners and Leaders of the World.**

Just as national college students are among the future leaders of your country, so too, international students from around the world are among the future leaders of the world. And they will become those leaders in just five to twenty years after college.

It's also important to note that the majority of these students come from the upper levels of society. That means they are among those whom traditional missionaries would rarely meet or impact in a personal way.

Even if international students don't become top-level governmental leaders, they still possess a powerful influence over industry, education, economics, science, politics, technology, agriculture, and faith of their countries.

You will advance your work with skilled leadership. God used Moses in the OT, trained by Egypt and in the NT Paul and Luke, trained by the best religious schools and Greek schools.

4. *It's Our Chance to Reach the Unreachable.*

Have you ever heard of "The 10/40 Window"? A high percentage of Students come from "The 10/40 Window" to examine, learn and



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experiment, free from their traditional pressure and family. 60% will convert to the religion of their closest friend or contact during their 1st 2 years of school.

Holiday activities and food is a great opportunity. They do not return home, in most cases during the total time of their studies. Stuck over holidays and vacation between years.

5. International Students Expect to Learn About Christianity while in the West.

Just as you would expect to learn about Hinduism if you went to school in India, or Mormonism if you went to school in Utah, so too, internationals who come to school in the West expect to learn about Christianity.

- > They expect to be invited to church.
- > They expect to be given a Bible.
- > They expect to hear a public prayer.
- > They expect to learn about Jesus.

Sad to say they are bombarded with atheism and a very small percentage ever even get to talk with a Christian. Let alone a true disciple of Jesus and the true Apostolic Faith.



6. Friendship outside of their own culture is what they want most. As you can imagine, it's not easy for international students to adjust to a new culture, a new language, new food, and new roommates, while trying to manage school assignments and endure culture shock and homesickness.

That's why developing genuine friendships is crucial to a fulfilling experience.

Sad that most international students get stuck with other students from their own culture.

7. Internationals Give Christians One More Reason to Take Campus Ministry Seriously.

Year after year, study after study shows that the most receptive time period in a person's life is between the ages of 15 and 25. More specifically, it is during the college years that most people who lose their faith, lose it, and most people who find their faith, find it.

It begs the question, "Why are the most receptive people in the world the most neglected by the church?"

College students need Apostolics to rise up and advocate on their behalf. And what better reason to build a case for College Ministry than to appeal to the greatest opportunity the church has ever seen since Pentecost!

IMAGINE...what it would look like if every church and every Christian accepted the challenge to make an intentional plan for reaching the "mission field" that is the university campus, and do it with the vision of ultimately reaching the world!