

cults

introduction

Cults and satanic groups are nothing new. On many junior high and high school campuses, witchcraft or other cult-like religions are openly practiced. These groups form to worship false gods and to hinder the progress of the Church. What about our school? Have you seen any activities that indicate cultic activity on our campus? If so, how should we respond?

message

1. *Should we openly campaign against cults or satanic groups?*
No. Cults cannot harm or control us against our wills. The power of Jesus Christ is much stronger than any evil power. Besides, our purpose is to lift up Jesus Christ, not give cults free publicity. Our best attack is through prayer, worship and holy living. Assaulting some group publicly is playing into their hands. We can do much more damage by praying and interceding for revival on campus.
2. *What if a friend is getting mixed up with a cult or satanic group?*
Be aggressive and be clear about the claims of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the exact representation of God the Father (Hebrews 1:3).
3. *Why are people attracted to a cult or satanic group?*
Most join, because, at least at first, they feel accepted. They find people like themselves already a part of the group. Maybe they tried to fit in at a local church or youth group but felt rejected. What about our group? Do we accept those who dress or act differently? People today are searching for love and acceptance. If they don't find it in a group like ours, they will find it in some other group. Let's reach out in love to those around us.
4. *How should we respond to occult activity?*
We cannot persuade people to do anything; however, the Holy Spirit can. That's why prayer is so important. Our response to cults should be holy anger expressed in prayer to a holy God. Allow God to do His work on our campus. Be people of prayer. You and I shouldn't fight with harsh actions. Picket signs are not the answer. Ephesians 6:10-18 says a lot about another kind of warfare, a warfare that believes in an awesome, all-powerful God. Believe in Him to change lives on our campus.

salvation appeal

If you are part of a cult, you probably know that they are easy to join but difficult to leave. You can break away though. Begin by acknowledging Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. He can deliver you. You don't have to be in a cult to need Jesus. Everyone needs a Savior. Come to Christ. He is the only way.

challenge

Cults and satanic groups will always be around. Decide now that you will not be affected by their ignorance and spiritual blindness. Instead, take a stand for Jesus. The way to combat Satan's attack on our campus is to pray, share your faith and live a holy life.

