

# Living Out Your Commitment:

## What it means to be a campus missionary



### theme

In answering the call, it's important to know what it means to be a campus missionary.

### proposition

God calls all of us to make disciples.

### introduction

(See “suggestions for introduction” on page 2.)

#### BOX OF BASICS

##### What it means to be a CM

- I. It's not about the title. It's about who you are.
- II. It's not about what you can do. It's what you will do.

If we had time, we all could take a picture of a non-Christian friend and place it on the screen. Campus missionaries are willing to share the message of hope. Carl Henry said, “The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time.”

And that is why you have committed to serve as a missionary to your school. By standing here today, you are showing—before your peers, before your youth leaders and before God—that you will serve your campus and accomplish the Great Commission by going into all of the world and preaching the gospel. You stand before me today as campus missionaries.

### What it means to be a campus missionary

- I. It's not about a title. It's about who you are.
  - A. The way you live
  - B. The way you talk
  - C. The way you respond

We call you campus missionaries because a missionary's task is to share the love of Jesus and to promote the hope found in Jesus. A missionary's task is what you have committed to doing.

The school campus is one of the most strategic mission fields in America. If we don't share the love of Jesus with our friends now, they may never have an opportunity to hear the message of hope that will save their lives. It's that serious.

When students live their lives without ever hearing the story of Jesus, they will spend eternity in hell. It's that serious.

- II. It's not about what you can do. It's about what you will do.

What will you do to impact the lives of your friends? Josh McDowell said, “They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.” As you fulfill the five commitments of a campus missionary, your friends will understand that you genuinely care and will give you an opportunity to show what you really believe, which will hopefully be followed by an opportunity to lead them to Christ.

#### notes:

# Living Out Your Commitment (continued)

As a campus missionary, you commit to:

- A. **Pray** daily for your friends, your teachers and your school.
- B. **Live** an authentic Christian life on and off campus.
- C. **Tell** your friends about the hope found in Jesus.
- D. **Serve** in a Christian campus club.
- E. **Give** of your time and finances to world missions, such as Speed the Light.

## conclusion

As a campus missionary, you have heard the call, and today we stand with you as you seek to dedicate your life to serve His purpose on your campus. One day you will be asked: Have you heard the call? Did you understand the call? Did you fulfill the call? It's that serious.

As I read the following commitments, answer *yes* to the following questions if you are willing to serve your campus as a campus missionary.

- Will you **pray** daily for your friends, teachers and school?
- Will you **live** an authentic Christian life, read and study God's Word?
- Will you **tell** your friends about the hope found in Jesus?
- Will you **serve** in your Christian campus club?
- Will you **give** of your time and finances to missions, such as Speed the Light?

In Matthew 28:19,20, Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (NIV).

(Transition into commissioning service.)

## suggestions for introduction

### Option 1

One at a time, have your campus missionaries come up to the microphone. As the student steps forward, a picture of a friend is shown on the screen.

Student 1 describes himself or herself.

Example: "I go to (name of school). You see that picture on the screen? That's (friend's name). He/she doesn't know Jesus, and that's why I'm a CM."

Students 2 and 3 make similar statements while highlighting different aspects of themselves.

Example: "I have a mom, a dad, and a brother. That picture on the screen is (family member's name). He/she doesn't know Jesus. That's why I'm a CM."

**notes:**

## Living Out Your Commitment (continued)

Student 4 makes a similar statement, but instead of having a photo, it's a blank screen. The student explains why the screen is blank. It's blank because his/her friend—his/her reason for becoming a campus missionary—accepted Jesus as Savior.

Student 5 is the friend of Student 4 who became a Christian. Student 5 shares his/her testimony and expresses thanks for campus missionaries.

Sample testimony: "Before I came to Jesus, my life was a mess. If it wasn't for friends like (name of Student 4) who were willing to share about Jesus, I would not be here tonight. Each of you has a friendship like ours—you have a friend who does not know Jesus. You need to tell them. Thank you for being a campus missionary so people like me can find hope."

### Option 2: Dialogue to Set the Stage

Leader: Can you imagine what it would be like if we had students all over this community who were willing to share Jesus with their friends? Can you imagine if there were students willing to serve as missionaries to their school? Can you imagine....

Student (out in crowd stands up with microphone):  
Hey, I'm a campus missionary.

Leader: What?

Student: Yeah, last year I committed to serve my campus as a campus missionary. I even led one of my friends to Jesus. (The student brings a friend up on stage.)

Leader: That is awesome, but you're just one campus missionary in our community. We need people all over.

Others begin to stand up and say, "Hey, I'm a campus missionary." Invite all CMs forward. Invite parents and the rest of the church to come and pray.

### suggestion for conclusion

Have parents and everyone else pray for students. Close with a final prayer of blessing and commissioning.

**notes:**