

the challenge

introduction

Get local youth groups, parents, your sponsor, or a local business to provide donuts and juice. As students “feed their faces,” feed their souls with teachings from Matthew 28:16-20. Today’s emphasis is on the Great Commission, Jesus’ command to win and disciple people.

message

After Jesus suffered terrible persecution, died on a cross, and rose from the dead, He spent a few final moments with His disciples on a mountainside in Galilee. During these moments Christ spoke the words known today as “The Great Commission,” the command to believers of all time to GO! “Go” may mean being a missionary on foreign soil. It may mean working as an accountant or restaurant manager, using the workplace as the field of missions activity. Of course, we all can “go” to the mission field of our schools. Whatever our mission field, we need to be obedient to the Great Commission.

1. Notice that Jesus did not say, “Win everybody to Jesus.” Rather, His command was to make disciples.” In other words, we can’t just lead people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We must also make disciples, helping others grow in the Lord, so they in turn will lead others to Christ and help others grow.
2. In the Great Commission, Jesus promises to be with us. Whatever we do, wherever we go, Jesus will be with us. What an incredible promise!
3. Let’s look at these important verses from the perspective of school life.
 - a. Whether we like it or not, we walk on a mission field every day we’re at school. When we hear Jesus say, “Go,” we are already there.
 - b. We can share our lives with others, so they will grow in Christ. We need to be real with them, yet live out God’s Word in their presence.
 - c. Finally, Jesus said He would always be there for us. Through the always present Holy Spirit, you and I can receive counsel, guidance and power.

salvation appeal

Have you experienced the Great Commission firsthand? Do you know Jesus? If not, commit your life to Him today.

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Our mission fields are the junior and senior high school campuses of America. We don’t have to look far to see lots of young people who need Jesus—students who go to class with us, ride our buses, or maybe even sit right next to us. The only way we fail to be witnesses is if we fail to witness.

