

WHAT WOULD MOSES DO?

by Andy Alexander



The spring semester is a great time to get started with a Campus Ministry chapter. If you start turning the flywheel now the momentum that you build throughout the spring and summer will help you to hit the ground running in the fall when the school year begins. Let's take a look at what Moses might have done if he were getting ready to start a Campus Ministry chapter.

In Numbers chapter 13, God speaks to Moses and instructs him to "Send thou men, that they may search the University (this is the proper translation of the Hebrew...trust me), which I give unto the United Pentecostal Church (okay...so maybe I'm exaggerating a little)." So Moses did just that, he sent spies to scope out the situation on campus...sort of.

The spies must have had one of the most incredible experiences of their lives! They went through dining halls, dormitories, snuck into some lectures, observed some music rehearsals, went to a basketball game, ate some cafeteria food...and survived! Oh, the miracles God wrought through these spies! They saw intellectual giants, heavily fortified walls of academia, atheistic, humanistic, and pluralistic professors, students from every major religious, ethnic, and social background.

Moses continues in Numbers 13 and says:

Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, 'Let us go up at once, and possess the University; for we are well able to overcome it.'

But the men that went up with him said, 'We be not able to go up against the people; for they are smarter than we.' And they brought up an evil report of the University which they had searched unto the United Pentecostal Church, saying, 'The University, through which we have gone to search it, is an institution that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature and learning, with Ph.D.'s and stuff. And there we saw the intellectual giants, the atheists, and believers in Darwin, which come of the intellectual giants: and we were in our own sight as ignorant and unlearned, and so we were in their sight.'

The rest of the story...

The United Pentecostal Church excommunicated the ten spies with the negative outlook, put Joshua and Caleb in charge of their Campus Ministry International chapter at the University and baptized thousands of students and professors in the name of Jesus Christ.

Okay...so that last part didn't happen in Numbers...but it could happen for you!

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As you launch a new campus ministry scouting out your local campus is not just a good idea, it is a necessity! God's intent for this mission was that all twelve of the spies would come back charged up with faith in Him and His ability to lead the children of Israel into the land of Canaan and conquer it. Had that happened, they would have saved themselves 40 years worth of, "are we there yet," and manna happy meals. So as you scout out your local college or university campus use the following list to get a sense of the school and to learn information that you might not discover until it is too late.

And remember, this should be a faith builder, not a discourager!

SCHOOL NAME:

Location:

Public transportation:

DEMOGRAPHICS

Student Population:

Undergrad:

Grad:

Commuter:

International Students:

Countries Represented:

Dorm Dwellers:

Commuters:

CAMPUS INFORMATION

Quarters / Semesters?

Where do students live?

Where do students hang out?

Student Organizations Office:

Director of Student Life:

Chaplain:

Dean of Students:

International Student Advisor:

Residence Life Director:

Athletic Director:

Greek System Director:

How To Reserve Meeting Space:

How To Schedule An Information Table:

How to Schedule Open Air Presentation/Drama:

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TO SEE AND BE SEEN

What start of year functions are mandatory for freshmen?

Where can you set up tables/handout flyers?

Newspaper:

Posters:

Radio:

Official Publications:

Hand Out Locations:

Orientation Packets:

Dorms:

Greek System:

Internationals:

Athletes:

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY

Who is in charge?

Religious Groups Already on Campus:

Campus Ministers' Organization:

-Who is in charge?

-Benefits of joining (parking pass, computer account, etc):

-Process of approval:

THINGS TO PICK UP WHILE ON CAMPUS

University brochure

Student handbook

University calendar

Any books about the school in the bookstore

OTHER NOTES: