

SENT ONES

Campus Crusade for Christ was founded on the conviction that if the campus is reached for Christ today, students can be SENT out and reach the world tomorrow. A primary part of Campus Crusade's role in the body of Christ is to raise up and equip students like you to be life-time Christ-centered laborers, or "Sent Ones." This is a biblical study of what it looks like to live as a "Sent One," whether it be in a sphere of influence on campus today, or in your community or workplace in the near future.

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

-Matthew 9:35-38 (ESV)

EXAMPLES OF SENT ONES:

- The advance of the gospel begins with sending (Romans 10:14-16).
- Building upon the foundational work of the Prophets and Apostles, Jesus has sent us to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) as part of the continuing harvest of souls.
- Like the Samaritan woman of John 4, sharing our testimony of what God has done in our life as well as the truths about Christ found in Scripture are part of our mission until He returns in glory so that many will know that Jesus Christ is "really the Savior of the world" (v. 42).

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE LIFE AS A "SENT ONE"?

1) Sent ones respond to the Lord's command out of worship and obedience.

Read Isaiah 6:1-8.

- a) What is Isaiah's response to being in the presence of God and forgiven of his sins?
- b) Note that Isaiah does not say "I will go" but "Send me." What difference might there be in simply "going" versus "being sent"?

2) Sent ones go in the power, authority and presence of Christ.

Read Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 6:20

- a) Where do the strength, ability and confidence come from to share the gospel, to "declare it fearlessly"?
- b) How should this affect your willingness to be sent?

3) Sent ones carry the message of the sender.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20.

- a) What is the message God has committed to us?
- b) Who are we to be? What does this mean?
- c) What might sidetrack you from sharing Christ's message?

4) Sent ones are empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the book of Acts we read of how the Spirit sent by Jesus enabled those He sent to accomplish his purposes. The Spirit often guided believers to specific cities, peoples or nations so that the gospel would be proclaimed.

Pray for the Spirit to reveal places or people groups on your campus or surrounding campuses He desires to send you now as His ambassador.

a) How might you continue to live as a “sent one” after graduation, whether you are engaged in a secular career or full-time ministry?

b) Something to ponder: am I willing to be a living response to the prayer for laborers to be sent to the harvest field?

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

–Psalm 145:10-12 (ESV)