

Prayer Walking a College Campus

Part 1: How To Start a College Campus Ministry





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**MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS BY
EQUIPPING THE CHURCH TO MULTIPLY
DISCIPLES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES**



How to Start a College Campus Ministry Series

1. Prayer Walk
2. Discover Spiritual Interest on Campus
3. Follow Up with interested students
4. Disciple a few
5. Build Community
6. Develop leaders



What is Prayer Walking?

- going on-sight (on the college campus) to walk around and pray
- by yourself or with a group
- You can pray out loud, or you can pray silently - whichever you prefer



Why is Prayer Walking the First Step to Starting a Campus Ministry?



1. It is the first step to reliance on God.
2. It is a simple first step to getting on campus
3. It provides a non-threatening way to learn more about the campus (where things are, where students hangout, etc.).
4. It is an easy way to gather folks interested in being a part of what God is doing (and will do!) on campus.
5. God answers prayer!

How to Organize a Prayer Walk

1. Prep: Gather a prayer-walking team.

- Start by personally inviting a few you think would be potential leaders in reaching students.
- Ask them if they are interested.
- Schedule the prayer walk accordingly.
- Make the total time commitment only 1 hour (or 1.5 hours). Stick to it.
- Communicate the plan (even to a wider audience (open invitation to your church?).



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2. Prayer Walk Day

- Meet at a home (or Church, etc.).
- Have coffee/snacks for a few minutes.
- Short scripture reading or devotional on prayer.
- Give brief instructions (attached).
- Travel together to the campus.
- Split up into groups of 2 or 3 and do the prayer walking.
- End on time. Invite a few to briefly share about their experience and close in prayer.



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3. Follow Up: Building momentum

- Contact those who participated afterward and ask for their thoughts on the experience.
- Invite them to the next step in being involved in discipling students.



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Prayer Walk Instructions Handout

1. Break into groups of 2 or 3.
2. Walk around the campus as you pray. Pray out loud or silently as you desire.
3. Use the **Open Prayers** as a tool if you desire.

As you pray for the campus, consider praying for:

- Professors and administrative staff on campus
- International students
- Christian students already on campus
- A Gospel witness in the midst of every community on campus (the sports teams, the different degree programs, the differing ethnic communities, etc.)

Open Prayers

Open Eyes

Open my eyes, Lord, to the work you are doing in the lives around me.

*"Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."
-John 4:35 NIV*

Open Doors

Open the doors, Lord, for me to share your love with others.

*"And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains."
-Colossians 4:3 NIV*

Open Mouth

Open my mouth, Lord... give me the words to say to share the Gospel with others.

*"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel."
-Ephesians 6:19 NIV*

Open Hearts

Open hearts, Lord, in the lives of those around me; open hearts to you so that people would respond to your love.

*"One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message."
-Acts 16:17 NIV*