

## **LEADERSHIP LESSON # 74: WHY MISSIONS SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT IN** **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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**Create Interest: On table place maps of state, county, city and/or world globe and Bible.**

1. Missions involvement is a matter of creating a culture within each Sunday School class.
2. There is a risk factor. If we make a point of reaching people who live around us there is potential that they will outnumber us.
3. Set goals for spiritual growth through involvement in mission activities.
  - a. Know that you and your class are spiritually prepared.
  - b. Know that not everyone in the class will be eager to participate.
  - c. Plan a variety of mission projects and activities and allow people to pick and choose those they want to be involved in.
  - d. Set a beginning time AND ending time for the project or activity. Remember that not everything has to last “till Jesus comes”. Know when it is done!
  - e. Know that “being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Phil. 1:6.
4. Involve as many people as you possibly can.
  - a. Look for passion vs enthusiasm
  - b. Look for spiritual gifts but don’t be fooled by them!
  - c. Be ready for immediate involvement, why make folks wait?
  - d. Remember that if you make no attempt to be on mission you may never be on mission.
5. Allow time.
  - a. Don’t shut down too soon. Let people know the need and allow them time to react to that need.
  - b. Communicate the concept of a class being on mission over and over. Keep it before your class all the time.
6. Know as much as you can.
  - a. What are the needs in our immediate community?
  - b. How can we as a class address those needs?
  - c. What type organization will be need to implemented to make this work in our class.
  - d. Develop a time and money check list. While there are many mission opportunities that require our time there is often needs for funds to make the mission activity possible.
  - e. Provide time lines. Where, when, what, who questions need to be asked and answered.
7. Rely on everyone to do their job and take their responsibility.
  - a. Training is imperative.
  - b. Accountability is necessary.
  - c. Training in accountability is necessary!
8. You don’t have to think up everything yourself.
  - a. People in your class are just waiting to make a difference.
9. Know that not everyone will be happy. For many classes seeing mission involvement as a necessity is opening the door for change. Change is not always seen as good. Have a plan. Work the plan. Take as many folks with you as possible.

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Missions is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a mandate for Christians.

Missions moves \_\_\_\_\_ from me and mine to \_\_\_\_\_.

One of the signs of a \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School is \_\_\_\_\_ involved in  
\_\_\_\_\_ and missions.

Missions does not mean only \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the \_\_\_\_\_.

It means \_\_\_\_\_.