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 _________________________________.