

DAY 8: ONLINE MISSIONS TRIP

It's Sunday, so... "HAPPY Sunday!" I hope you've enjoyed the first half of your "trip" this week. I'm so proud of you all for your commitment and passion for reaching out and for sticking through with this for a whole week already.

To start out this second week, take some time to praise God for all that has already happened this last week. Then, look forward with expectation for what He's going to do through you next! We've still got 7 full days to make a BIG impact. You do the possible and God will do the impossible!

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) First, a few questions to ask yourself regarding the trip so far... What's been happening with your prayer lists? How are you doing at knowing your friends' stories better since the beginning of the week? How's your own soul this week? Have you been feeding yourself spiritually?
- 2) If you haven't yet, check out the [Xtreme Bible Study Facebook app](#) (for the Facebooker's). It is being updated every day of the Online Missions Trip with both a Bible study and 3-minute podcast geared specifically toward your unsaved friends.

For those of your friends that you've already invested time and brought into spiritual conversations, this would be a great tool to invite them to add to their profiles. Use it to spark conversations about Jesus and allow them to learn a bit more about what Christianity is all about.

And even after the missions trip is over, use the app and the daily podcasts to stay in the Word yourself!

(The Xtreme Bible Study Facebook app was written by [Tim Schmoyer](#). Bible studies are written and recorded by [Xtreme Talk Live](#), an international youth ministry based in Nashville, Tennessee.)

- 3) If you are still struggling to make the first step (I've heard reports that some of you are), stop right now and ask God to give you the will and courage to reach out. He loves to answer these kinds of prayers so don't be surprised if you notice a difference in yourself before the week is over.

Let's get specific with this. Think about your personal giftings, personality, and passions and come up with a few ways you could put these into action this week. What kinds of conversations should you pray for? What types of activities could you do together or could you invite friends to? Be intentional and write / plan out ways that God can use you to influence and expand the Kingdom of God.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:6-8)

You heard it; now go DO IT!

FROM THE FIELD:

(Insert personal stories from your students / leaders participating in the trip.)

REPORT BACK:

For this second part of the week, we won't be asking for you to report back every other day like we did the first week. But we would like for you to pass on your stories from the week, especially ones that would encourage and spur on others. Send them to my profile or directly to my e-mail address at _____.

Also, please, if you need some help or answers to specific questions in regards to the trip, do not hesitate in letting me know. I'd be glad to connect with you ALL week long. I want to do everything that I can to SUPPORT you in your endeavors.

Go with God,

In getting feedback from my group of students this week, I've found that the every-other-day action-steps AND reporting back is becoming a bit of an overkill for most of them who are busy with school and extracurricular activities. I'm still encouraging my students to keep in touch with me this week, but I'll be focusing more on the things they can do (or the action steps) for the rest of the week.

Thanks for all the kind words! I pray that week #2 keeps on going strong and that we hear reports of many students being disciplined as a result of your students' efforts.

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