

9 Ways to GO

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In his final marching orders to his disciples, Jesus beckons all of his followers to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19). Today, we refer to these last words as *The Great Commission*.

In my experience with students, they want to be faithful to this Great Commission. Many of them are passionate about the gospel being spread to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8), and they want to play a role in this high calling and participate in what God is doing across the globe. Many times, however, they don’t have a very good idea as to where to start. They need something *practical*. To that end, it’s my aim to provide nine brief, yet practical, ways for students to “go”, if not now then in the very near future.

It’s my hope and prayer that students and families would prayerfully consider what God may have them do both now and in the future in order to proclaim the gospel and make disciples among all the nations of the earth.

1. Share the Gospel HERE & NOW

- a. You don’t have to be in another culture to make disciples. All followers of Christ are called to make disciples wherever God has us *now* by sharing the gospel with the people around us. A great way to do this is to “Find your One” and commit to praying and sharing with that person.
- b. [Who’s Your One?](#)

2. Short-Term Mission Trips

- a. Each summer our high school students get the opportunity to go on short-term mission trips through our church. Take advantage of these great opportunities.
- b. Be on the lookout for any information about short-term mission trips our student ministry will be taking.

3. The Radical Gap Year

- a. After graduating high school, you can take a “gap year” before you begin college or your career for the sake of disciple-making and figuring out what God may be calling you to do in the future to make his glory known among the nations. *The Radical Gap Year* is an amazing way to do this.
- b. [Radical Gap Year](#)

4. Theological Education Focused on Going/Equipping

- a. How about going to a Christian college or theological seminary that will intentionally equip you to go on mission and equip others in the local church to do the same?
- b. There's so many great options that will prepare you to do this. Here's just a few:
 - i. [The College at Southeastern](#) (Undergraduate)
 - ii. [Boyce College](#) (Undergraduate)
 - iii. [Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary](#) (Graduate/Seminary)
 - iv. [The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary](#) (Graduate/Seminary)

5. GenSend - NAMB

- a. Even as a youth student, you can already begin to think and pray through how you might spend your college summers and breaks. Why not spend them on mission? GenSend is a great option for you to be able to do this.
- b. [GenSend - North American Mission Board](#)

6. Go2 - NAMB

- a. After you graduate college, what if you spent the first 2 years in a big, strategic North American city while beginning your career, serving with a church plant, and working to further advance the gospel? Check out Go2 and begin praying through what this may look like for you.
- b. [Go2 - Give 2 Years to Missions](#)

7. IMB Journeyman Program

- a. Similar to Go2, the IMB Journeyman program is for recent college graduates or young adults who desire to spend 2 years on mission. IMB Journeymen are sent internationally (opposed to domestically) to strategic nations around the globe. On top of that, IMB Journeymen are fully-funded!
- b. [IMB Journeyman](#)

8. Full-Time Missionary and/or Church Planter

- a. May God be calling you to be a full-time missionary? What about a church planter? You don't have to wait to start praying and seeking where or how God might send you in the future. You can start **NOW**!
- b. There's so many ways you can be a missionary or church planter. Here's just a few ways that you can begin to research and pray about:
 - i. Be sent by your local church.
 - ii. Be sent through mission sending agencies such as the [International Mission Board](#) or the [North American Mission Board](#).

9. Leveraging Degree/Career for Cross-Cultural Missions

- a. Teacher. Nurse. Farmer. Businessman. These are but a few of the career occupations you might find yourself doing in the future. But what if you

pursued these careers somewhere else, like in a place with little to no gospel presence?

- b. Start thinking about what career you might want to do in the future, and begin praying for *where* God might have you do this career so that you can further advance the gospel to the nations.

By no means is this list exhaustive. However, I pray that it's a helpful starting place for many youth students looking for some practical ways they can participate in the Great Commission by going.

To God alone be the glory!