



### **Tips on Overcoming Common Student Barriers**

#### **1. Money** (Psalm 16:5-6; Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:24-33; 2 Corinthians 9:10-12)

- Use others personal support raising stories to share God's faithfulness and growth.
- 1000's of other college students have done Summer and been able to raise the funds needed.
- Test question: "If you could do this and money was not an object, would it change your decision?"
- Explain that you can help train them to raise support; real quick synopsis of some suggestions.
- Encourage them with the sovereignty of God (Genesis 1:1, do you believe he created all things?).

#### **2. Parents** (Ephesians 5:15-17; 1 Timothy 4:8; Prov 21:1; Matthew 4:19, Mark 10:28-31)

- Test question: "Who are you ultimately serving? What do you want the posture of your life to be like, fear or faith?"
- Are they using their parents as a smokescreen for their own trust issues?
- Encourage them to sit down with parents and articulate thoroughly why they want to do summer missions.
- Have they been actively praying that God would change their parent's heart?

#### **3. Internships/Jobs/Career** (1 Timothy 4:7-8; Matthew 4:19; Ephesians 5:15-17)

- Help them investigate if they are just doing what is comfortable or expected in our culture.
- What will benefit you the most spiritually? If you go back home, what will your life look like spiritually? What is the spiritual environment like back home?
- Remind them they only have 3 or 4 summers in college. What are you investing in?
- Express the value of summer projects and how it is beneficial for all of life.
- Trends show that the closer they get to graduation, the less likely they will do summer missions.

#### **4. Not Seeking God** (*You can tell they are not praying...reading through the Word on this*)

- Question: Are you saying that your HANDS are wide open? Is He your Lord?
- Question: How did God lead you to this decision of "NO"?