

Red Zone vs. Blue Zone Compare/Contrast

Blue Zone Ministries (0-2)

- Approximately 70% have a theological education.
- About half own a campus house.
- 20,000+ on the average campus.
- On average, ministers described themselves as having an evangelistic focus of 6.7, and their groups a 4.5 (on a scale of one to ten).
- Those hired already having experience mostly came from ministries that are *not* traditionally evangelistic (i.e. youth ministry, pulpit ministry while in school).
- 3 out of 10 ministers in the blue zone served as interns/apprentices in an existing campus ministry before being hired, and according to our data many of the ministries they came from fall into the Blue Zone.

Red Zone Ministries (12+)

- Only 1 has a theological Masters Degree, and only 3 have theological Bachelors Degrees.
- About half own a campus house, though the ministries consistently reaching the most people do not (although they wouldn't mind).
- 20,000+ on the average campus.
- On average, ministers described themselves as having an evangelistic focus of 8.9, and their groups a 7.4 (on a scale of one to ten).
- Those hired already having experience came from ministries that *were* evangelistic (associates w/ emphasis on outreach, etc).
- For those that served as interns in an existing campus ministry - the ministries they came from that we have data on fall into the Red Zone.

Interested in Campus Ministry?

Get trained in the best setting.

Research has proven that most evangelistically effective campus ministers were trained to be that way.

Effective ministry takes more than dedication - it takes *skill*, and skill must be *developed*. The best way for a young minister to develop skill in leading a successful evangelistic ministry is to train under someone who's already doing just that.

Campus Ministry United has partnered with Harding University as well as key campus ministries around the nation to give you the best training possible.

We want you to be a minister whose mission is to win souls, and who's equipped to teach others to do the same.

In two years, we'll help you get the practical training you need to do just that. We'll send you to one of the most evangelistically effective ministries in the nation to be mentored under an experienced leader where you'll be *doing* instead of just listening in a classroom.

For those of you who already have a Bachelor's degree, you qualify to earn a Masters of Ministry online from Harding University as a campus ministry apprentice. You'll actually get credit toward a Masters Degree for working in one of the top campus ministries in the nation. No other program can offer you that!

Non-degree seeking students are welcome too. You'll get the exact same practical training that the degree seeking students get, and at the end of your time will have earned a CMU certificate of completion.

For more information, speak to Wes Woodell. Email questions to CampusMinistryUnited@gmail.com

If you're going to give you life to evangelistic ministry, it only makes sense that you get the preparation you need.

Let us help you get the training you're missing. Enroll.

The people's lives you'll touch in the future are worth it!

The Resurrection of Jesus: Fact or Fiction? **Would you go this far to have people believe a lie?**

The Fate of the Twelve:

Peter

A.D. 67 - Thrown into the infamous Mamertine Prison in Rome. Chained upright to a post for nine months (so that he couldn't recline), endured brutal torture, and was eventually executed in Nero's Circus by being crucified upside down. His final moments were spent encouraging the disciples. His wife was also executed by Nero for her faith.

Andrew

A.D. 69 - In Patras, Greece, Andrew converted the governor's wife to Christianity causing their estrangement. As a result, the governor had him tortured and tied to an "X" shaped cross naked and exposed to the elements. This torture went on for two days until Andrew died. Before his death, Andrew is said to have encouraged the onlookers to turn to Christ as their Lord.

Thomas

Best known for doubting the resurrection of Jesus (John 20:25), Thomas turned into a committed believer when he encountered the resurrected Christ. Thomas traveled to India around A.D. 52 where he discredited the Brahmins – a Hindu sect – before their king. As a result, the Brahmins eventually found him praying in a cave and killed him by thrusting a spear through his side. He died trying to drag himself up a hill near the cave.

Matthew

Reports of his martyrdom vary. The Jewish Talmud indicates he was condemned by the Sanhedrin. Some writings indicate he was pinned to the ground and beheaded for his faith around A.D. 60.

Philip

Executed at the age of 87 in the city of Hierapolis in Phrygia. Pagan priests crucified him upside down by piercing him through the thighs. He was then stoned as he hung upon the cross. Before yielding his spirit, he is said to have prayed for his enemies as Jesus did.

Bartholomew (Nathaniel)

Traveled with Philip, but escaped crucifixion at the time Philip was crucified. In Albana (now Derbend, Russia), one account indicated Bartholomew angered pagan priests and the king's brother, Astyages, by speaking out against the local idols (he also miraculously healed the king's daughter as a display of power). His enemies eventually had him arrested, beaten, and crucified in A.D. 68.

Jude (Thaddaeus)

Believed to have served with Bartholomew and Thomas for several years. Sources indicate that Jude was martyred by a barrage of arrows on Mount Arrarat.

James, Son of Alphaeus (not the brother of Jesus)

After traveling to Syria and establishing the Syrian church, returned to Jerusalem where he was stoned to death for preaching the resurrection of Christ to the Jews.

Simon the Zealot

After working as a missionary in Egypt, North Africa, Carthage, Spain, and Britain, was sawn in two for preaching the resurrection of Jesus in Persia.

John

Of the 12 disciples, only John died a natural death (but he was exiled to a prison island for his faith in Jesus).

The Fate of Other Disciples:

James, Brother of Jesus

Early leader in the church and author of the book of James. Executed in A.D. 66.

Matthias

Matthias was elected to fill the vacancy created by Judas. It is said that he was stoned and then beheaded.

Mark

Tradition indicates that Mark was dragged to pieces in Alexandria after speaking out against the local idol Serapis.

Paul

Spent a great deal of time in Roman prisons where he wrote many of his epistles. In A.D. 66, Emperor Nero condemned Paul to death and had him beheaded.

Barnabus

Barnabus spread the gospel to many countries, yet on a return to Cyprus he was martyred by the Jews for his evangelism. History records that John Mark secretly buried his body in an empty sepulcher outside the city of Salamis.

Facts:

Fact 1: All of these apostles (except Paul and Barnabus) knew Jesus intimately *before* He was crucified. (Paul and also Barnabus may have seen Jesus before his crucifixion also.) There would be absolutely no doubt about their ability to recognize Jesus and distinguish between Him and other people who might simply look like Him.

Fact 2: All of the Twelve (and others) saw Jesus *after* His resurrection from the dead.

Fact 3: All of the apostles *changed radically* after seeing the risen Christ – from being inept followers to being bold speakers and leaders.

Fact 4: All the apostles *started preaching* the good news about the death and resurrection of Jesus – an action that *threatened their very lives!*

Fact 5: Early on Christians gathered to celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday, the day of the resurrection. Also, Christian initiation included baptism, which reenacts the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Fact 6: No corpse was ever produced by the opponents of Christianity.

Fact 7: All the apostles *would have had their lives spared* if they had simply renounced Jesus and stopped their evangelism.

Fact 8: All of the apostles willingly, even joyfully, *laid down their lives* in the most horrible, painful ways to spread the good news about Jesus' death and resurrection.

Why would people willingly endure horrible torture and execution for a lie when they could simply renounce their faith? The only answer: *they were absolutely, totally convinced that Jesus had died and risen from the dead* verifying His claim to be the Son of God, and *they were absolutely, totally convicted of their responsibility as His disciples to act as His witnesses to the rest of the world.* It's our responsibility as well!

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2008 CMU National Campus Ministry Study: Major Myths Dispelled

Myth 1: There are 220 Church of Christ campus ministries in the United States.

- **Wrong!** There are at the most 148, but likely less than that.

Myth 2: Campus ministers need to have a higher level of education than the students they're trying to reach to be respected enough for students to listen to them.

- **Wrong!** Campus ministers reaching the *least* amount of people have the *most* amount education, and ministers reaching the *most* amount of people have the *least* amount education.

Myth 3: Getting a Bible degree from a brotherhood university is all you need to be prepared for ministry.

- **Wrong!** Bible degrees are good, but according to our data practical training and mentoring outside the walls of the classroom is a must have for most to develop into evangelistically effective ministry leaders!

Myth 4: Campus ministries need to own property near their target campus to be evangelistically effective.

- **Wrong!** The most evangelistically effective campus ministries among the Churches of Christ don't own property near their target campus (though they certainly wouldn't mind if they did).