



THE COLLEGE STUDENT’S COMPETING IDENTITIES

Are you here to survive or thrive?

“A student who survives college as a Christian may come out on the other side with a profession of faith, but a student who thrives as a Christian in college will come out on the other side with a line of individuals behind them who are following Jesus because of their faithfulness. A student who survives may avoid major moral failures, but a student who thrives will grow in their relationship with God AND push back darkness by sharing Christ with others.” – Chase Abner

Which identity do you most identify with? (Refer to the chart)

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WHO AM I?	STUDENT	EXPERIENCER	CHURCH KID	MISSIONARY
WHY AM I HERE?	GET A DEGREE	FOR THE “COLLEGE EXPERIENCE”	TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD	IMPACT OTHERS WITH THE GOSPEL
WHAT DO I NEED MOST?	GOOD GRADES	EXPERIENCES	PROTECTION	GOD
WHO DO I WANT AROUND ME?	GOOD STUDENTS, FACULTY	THE CROWD	OTHER CHRISTIANS	LOCAL CHURCH & NON-CHRISTIANS
WHAT IS SUCCESS?	GRADUATE, GOOD JOB, GRAD SCHOOL	BUCKETLIST COMPLETE	BECOMING A CHURCH GROWN-UP	FAITHFULNESS & FRUIT

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” - Matthew 28:18-20

Circle the stage you identify with most:

Non-Christian → Seeker → Convert → Growing Christian → Disciple → Disciple Maker

What is the problem in finishing the Great Commission? Not enough workers.

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field’”. – Luke 10:1-3

How have you seen this verse to be true?

What are some things that will help you thrive most during your time in college?