



ONE DAY. ONE MESSAGE. ONE STAND.

Impact Student & Adult Manual

Welcome to Fields of Faith!

This leadership guide has been written to assist students in understanding what we are trying to accomplish, and how you can take part. The power of Fields of Faith is that students impact students. This is an opportunity for students to stand strong for their faith on their campus and to share the message of Jesus Christ with their peers.

If you are reading this guide, you have been selected as an “Impact Student” on your campus. God has gifted you with talent and abilities that cause your peers to take notice. You are a leader, which gives you a platform. Because of your leadership status, you have been chosen to communicate a message that can rally followers of Jesus Christ to stand up for their faith.

We are at a crossroads in the battle for the soul of America. It is darker now than at any other time in our nation’s history. If leaders like you do not see the devastating advancement of the enemies of God, and “ride out to meet them”, there will soon be no one left who will.

There are always pivotal times in a contest where someone makes a play that changes the momentum of the game and leads to victory. We are not in a game, we are in a war. The stakes are incredibly high. We are talking about eternity. This is your time. The outcome is unknown. Christianity has lost momentum and needs playmakers to change the momentum. I pray that you will be one of those playmakers for Jesus Christ.

“When a brave man takes a stand, the spine of others is stiffened.”

- Billy Graham

Manual Overview

Each rally will need:

- at least one Impact Student to share a **Scripture Challenge**
- one Impact Student to share a **Salvation Testimony**
- one Impact Adult to give a **Closing Challenge**.

A typical rally will have 2-3 impact students share a personal scripture challenge and one impact student shares a salvation testimony.

This manual is designed to provide you with a personal devotion to prepare your heart, as well as some guidelines if you have been chosen to give a Scripture Challenge or a Salvation Testimony.

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Center of Gravity

If you ask the military, "How do you conquer a country, or a city?", they would answer this question with these basic facts:

1. Identify the enemy's "Center of Gravity."

This is what holds everything together. It could be an army, a battalion, a general, political leaders, etc.

2. Disrupt or destroy the Center of Gravity.

Cut off:

- ability to communicate
- power
- electricity
- roads, bridges, etc.

3. Invade

4. Occupy

When talking about how this applied to the Christian life, the Center of Gravity is Jesus Christ. It is obvious that Satan, our enemy, is unable to destroy Jesus. But he can accomplish his purposes if he can cut us off or disrupt us from our Center of Gravity. If he can disrupt our communication and cut off our access to God, we are in serious trouble.

What is our main personal communication with God? Scripture and prayer. This makes it a prime target for our enemy. If there isn't consistent communication between a Christian and Jesus, look out. God speaks through pastors and teachers. But our enemy isn't really concerned over someone who only receives twenty minutes of communication and instruction 1-2 times a week. That person can be easily defeated.

I surveyed over 200 high school Christian students from multiple states at an FCA Leadership Camp. I was conducting a leadership seminar on how to make their campus ministry more effective. At the conclusion of our time together, I asked for a show of hands from those who made a consistent attempt to personally communicate with God through scripture and prayer. Only 19 raised their hands. These were the best of the best, considered to be "impact students" on their campuses!

I began to ask many youth pastors if they had any students who made consistent personal communication with God a priority. Every one of them agreed that there were few who fit into that category.

The Christian army has become effectively cut off from its Center of Gravity.

According to military strategy, the next step is chilling...invasion. It's happening. We are living during a time of invasion against Christianity in America. We are being invaded! We must understand it. A nation who has no idea that it is ripe for invasion is destined for disaster.

Josiah Study

Read 2 Chronicles 34 twice.

Scouting Report

According to 2 Chronicles 34:2, describe Josiah.

If people on your campus were to describe you, what do you think they would say? (be honest!)

Would it be anything like the description of Josiah? Why or why not?

Seek

2 Chronicles 34:3 says when he was 16 years old, still young, he began to seek God. When he was 20, he went into action. He began to purge his nation of the detestable idols. When he turned 26 (v.8), he began to clean out and repair the temple of God.

Read Jeremiah 29:13. What happens when you truly seek God?

A natural result of that is to remove anything sinful. You see, the closer you get to God, the more visible sin becomes. It's like walking into a dark room to kill cockroaches. You probably will have little success until you turn a light on. They hate the light; they scurry away to the shadows allowing you to clearly see them. Easy target for the bottom of your shoe and "squish!"

God is the light of your life. The closer you are to Him, the clearer the sin in your life. Circle the # that best describes your present efforts to seek God with all your heart, mind and strength. Again, we're not talking about intentions, we're talking about effort.

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Clean

After purging Judah of the pagan idols, Josiah began to clean out the temple of God. It hadn't been used in 55 years! While his men were cleaning out the temple, they found the book of the law. This was the only bible up to that time (Genesis - Deuteronomy). Get this, it had gotten so bad in Judah, they had completely lost all the scriptures! No one read the bible. They were effectively cut off from God's directions for their lives.

No wonder they became worse than the Canaanites before them, which included Sodom & Gomorrah. These were indeed dark days in the history of Judah. The book was taken to Josiah and read to him. It was the first time he had heard the word of God. His response changed a nation.

What did he do in v. 19? (his response was a symbol of extreme grief in ancient times)
His response is further described in v. 27

FACT: God always hears and responds to a repentant heart.

YOU: Josiah didn't have some huge, cutting-edge ministry strategy to reach his nation for God. He was simply cleaning out the temple, getting rid of things he knew were wrong.

How does the scripture describe you in 1 Corinthians 6:19?

When was the last time you "cleaned out your temple?"

I'm not talking about comparing yourself to others and feeling good about it. Josiah could have done that and been head and shoulders above everyone in the kingdom. No. He compared himself and his nation to God's standards in scripture, and he was broken at the depth of sin.

Take a moment right now and ask God to shine the white-hot search light of his Holy Spirit on your heart. Ask Him to reveal any sin that is present in you. These may be some areas you struggle with.

Pride	Spiritual Apathy
Worshiping Sports	Worshiping a Relationship
Compromising Movies	Gossip
Lust	Filthy Language
Drugs	Worshiping Popularity
Alcohol	Self Image
Worshiping Academics	Honoring Parents
Compromising Humor	Compromising Music

Whatever it may be, respond like Josiah did:

A Responsive Heart - Not a Hardened Heart
Humility - Not Arrogance
Tears - Not Indifference

Remember, God always hears and responds to a humble heart.

Challenge

Josiah was a leader, and he sprang into action. Read 2 Chronicles 34:29-30a. Who did he call together?

In verse 30b, what did he do once he got them in one place?

In verse 31, when he made a covenant before God, was it private or public?

In verse 32, did his challenge end with him?

In verse 33, how long did his covenant have an effect on Judah?

**A nation was godless and full of sin.
Along came One Impact Person...
who with Scripture caused a nation to follow the Lord!**

The Josiah Formula

Seek..... he sought the Lord

Clean.....he cleaned the temple

Read.....he read the scripture

React..... he repented

Challenge.....he challenged the masses

Impact Student Scripture Challenge

- at least one student should share a **Scripture Challenge**

List Bible passage(s) that God has used to challenge you, to make you a more passionate follower (might be in the past, might be recent). What did these verses say to you?

How did the scripture change you? How did you approach life differently after reading and praying through the passage of scripture?

In your own words, explain how important a commitment to reading & following the scriptures is to you & your campus.

The Strength of Scripture

Let the Bible teach you about its strength and our Center of Gravity.

Passage	List Truths
Psalms 119:110, 130	
Romans 15:4	
Ephesians 6:10-18	The Word of God is the only offensive weapon we have to beat back an invasion. All other spiritual armor is for defense.
2 Timothy 3:16-17	
Hebrews 4:12	
James 1:25	

Jesus. Our Center of Gravity

Passage	List Truths
Romans 8:5	
Philippians 2:9-11	
Colossians 1:15-18	The Word of God is the only offensive weapon we have to beat back an invasion. All other spiritual armor is for defense.
Colossians 1:19-20	
Colossians 2:2-3	
Colossians 3:2	
1 John 2:15-17	

Suggested Key Points for Your Scripture Challenge

You may want to share about one or all these points

- a. Church isn't enough
- b. A majority of Christian teens are not reading the scriptures
- c. Christianity is under attack
- d. The Word of God is our only offensive weapon
- e. Josiah read it, obeyed it and changed his nation. We can too!

Impact Student Salvation Testimony

- one student should share a **Salvation Testimony**

A personal testimony is simply sharing what God has done in your life. One of the most effective ways to prepare your testimony is to ask three questions.

Example:

What my life was like before I met Christ?

I was raised in a Christian home and went to church. But I was always afraid of dying after I had two asthma attacks in the night that almost killed me.

How did I come to know Christ?

When I was twelve, I couldn't go to sleep one night because of my fear of dying in the night. I woke my mom up and she shared with me that if I am a Christian, I don't have to fear death because I can go to heaven. I prayed to receive Christ as my personal Lord and Savior that night.

What has my life been like since?

I no longer stay awake at night wondering where I will spend eternity. It will be in heaven because of Jesus Christ.

Now, you try it. Work through the questions below, write your testimony in your own words and practice sharing it. Yours might be long and exciting, or short and sweet. It is important to focus on what God has done, not on what you did wrong in the past. Feel free to use more paper if you need to, but remember, keeping things "simple" is always best when speaking to a group.

Developing Your Testimony

What was my life like before Christ?

How did I meet Christ?

How has my life been since accepting Christ?

Testimony Tips

Fields of Faith, as an inter-denominational ministry, provides an opportunity for students and adults the privilege to communicate a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. A testimony is the most common format provided. The goal of a testimony is to introduce others to Jesus Christ.

The audience at the rally will be comprised of individuals of various church denominations and people from unchurched backgrounds. Those attending the rally will either already know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior or have yet to establish a personal relationship with Christ. The goal of the testimony, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to move people either toward the point of conversion at the cross or beyond the cross into maturing obedience in Christ.

Your Salvation Testimony should focus on:

- The key is to share your story. Tell your story how you came to know Him personally.
- Three key parts to every testimony: (1) before Christ, (2) how you came to Christ and (3) how you have grown in Christ.

Helpful Tips to Remember

1. Stay within your time frames. The following chart breaks down each segment of your testimony depending on the time you have been given

Testimony Sequence	Time Allowed		
	<u>3-5 minutes</u>	<u>8-10 minutes</u>	<u>15-20 minutes</u>
Introduction	30 seconds	1 minute	2 minutes
Need for Christ	1 minute	2-3 minutes	4 minutes
How you came to know Christ	1 minute	2 minutes	4 minutes
Your "New Life" in Christ	1-2 minutes	2-3 minutes	3 minutes
Closing	30 seconds	1 minute	2 minutes

2. Refrain from using spiritual terminology, clichés or phrases with which the unchurched may not be familiar or cause them to be uncomfortable.
3. When using scripture references, be sure not to use too many, or simply make reference. Read the whole verse(s) that is appropriate, being cautious not to get caught in lengthy scripture readings. Share the main verse(s) that had the greatest impact in your life.
4. Be careful with particular denominational issues which could become tangents to the overall purpose of your message. Any negative comments about people, churches, denominations or issues can be counter productive.

Impact Adult Closing Challenge

- one Impact Adult should give the **Closing Challenge**

- Wrap up what has been shared.
- Give an invitation to accept Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.
- Give an opportunity to stand with others and commit to the challenge of passionately pursuing Christ through personal bible study and prayer. The act of physically standing is powerful!
- “Twenty-One Days with God” Challenge.
This is a great “hands-on” opportunity for everyone to join together and start reading God’s Word each day. The challenge will be to read a chapter of John each day. There are twenty-one chapters in John. This is an eyewitness account of someone who walked with Jesus. Experts say that if anyone will do something for twenty-one days it will become a habit.
- Have an Impact Student close in prayer.

