

## CANVASSING FOR BUS RIDERS

### What to say at the door

Try to memorize the main points in this approach and put them in your own words. Remember that Jesus has promised to be with you always, and He is with you now (Mt.28:20). Remember with Paul that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (Phil.4:13)

With a spring in your step and a big smile on your face, knock on the door enthusiastically. When the person answers, you say:

"Hello, I am \_\_\_\_\_ from the Church of Christ on South Townline Rd. We are starting our bus ministry in your neighborhood, and we wanted to stop by and invite you to ride our bus to Bible study and worship". Ask if they have any children. Next state:

"We are looking for those who are not going to church. Do you go to church anywhere regularly?" (Don't leave off this last word. If you do, they will say yes, and they will mean they only go every Easter and Christmas). If they say that they do not attend, you say: "Wonderful, you are the people we have been looking for".

Then tell them about the church and the bus ministry. Assure them that you will take real good care of their children. Try to sell the children on riding the bus. Make it as appealing as possible. Ask the parents if it would be all right for their children to ride the bus with you to church. It is best to make the primary appeal to children. Adults appreciate your interest in their children, but they may not especially appreciate an invitation to ride the bus as many of them have fine automobiles.

Next, get the name, age, and grade of all who offer any hope of riding the bus. If they say that they do attend church, tell them that you run the bus Sunday night and Thursday night. Ask if the children could ride these nights. Many only go to their own church on Sunday mornings, and their children will jump at the opportunity to ride the bus to evening services.

### Objectives

To canvass the town (every home). To invite them to hear the gospel preached. To bring the children in and teach them about Jesus.

### Points to Remember

1. Who you represent.
2. Have they got any children?
3. Invite them to come.
4. Introduce them to Bible helps available and encourage them to read the Bible.
5. Name, address, grade, if attend church?