

## **“ Why Have A Bus Route? ”**

Have you, as a Bus Captain or as a Bus Worker or a Bus Driver, ever asked yourself, *“Why am I doing this? Why bother trying to have a Bus Route?”*

Well, I can honestly say that as both a Bus Captain and as a Bus Director, I have! And as I sat down late one Friday night while trying to get myself “pepped up” about my own Bus Route and at the same time try to figure out a way to get my other Captains and workers excited and committed to their own Bus Routes, I had to sit down and ask myself the question, *“Is it really worth it to run a Bus Route?”*

There on that sofa in my den, I begged God to show me an answer that I could then share with all the other Bus Workers that would somehow dispel the air of complacency that seemed to plague our Bus Ministry. And as I prayed, God reminded me exactly why I needed to have a Bus Route that brings in boys and girls and moms and dads to Church every Sunday morning.

I hope that what God showed me will be an encouragement to you to not only keep your Bus route, but to give God your BEST efforts in every aspect that you are personally involved in on your Bus Route! In Matthew 28:19 and 20, the “Great Commission” is given to the Disciples of Christ.

There, the Bible says, *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*

### **In this “Great Commission”, we are to...**

#### **1: “Teach all nations...”**

- a: Teach them about their sin.
- b: Teach them about the Saviour.
- c: Teach them their need to repent of their sin by believing on Christ Jesus as their Saviour.

#### **2: “...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...”**

- a: Teach them to not be ashamed of the One who has saved them.
- b: Teach them to be obedient to our Lord’s command to those who accept Him as their Saviour to be baptized.

c: Teach them to identify themselves with their Saviour instead of with the world.

**3: “. . .Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...”**

(see also II Timothy 3:16)

a: Teach them Bible Doctrine.

b: Teach them Bible Proofs and Evidences.

c: Teach them Bible-based Characteristics and ways of life, a way of improving their life and moving toward a right state of living “...correction...”.

d: Teach them Bible-based standards as instruction in righteousness - convictions, integrity, purity of life, righteous living – vs - convenience of living.

e: As have been taught, so we are also to teach others (see I Corinthians 9:14).

**4: We are to be Soul-Winners, but it takes more than just Soul-Winning to fulfill the Great Commission.**

a: We are to WIN THEM, then BAPTIZE THEM, and then TEACH THEM TO DO THE SAME THING WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT TO DO.

**5: So, “Why Have A Bus Route?”**

**(a) Because you are Soul-Conscious! (Proverbs 11:30)**

**(b) Because these people that you win MUST be taught to obey the Lord in order to grow!**

**(c) Because they need somebody who will care enough about them to see that they come to Church each week so they can be taught how to obey the Lord!**

**(d) Because a Bus Route not only gives you a place to go Soul-Winning each week, but it also provides you with the means to get your convert to the House of God so they can hear the Man of God preach the Holy Word of God so that they can in turn, live for God!**

**(e) Because a BUS Route enables you to better fulfill the Great Commission commandment!**

1: It teaches you to be Obedient to God.

2: It teaches you to be Dependant upon God.

3: It teaches you to be Responsible to both God and man.

4: It teaches you to remain Teachable by God.

5: It teaches you to remain Thankful unto God.

Will YOU be willing to do what God would have you do and start a Bus Route??