



# THE CARSON COLLECTIVE

A Ministry Update from the Month of April



Bible study in the park!

## Bible Studies in the Park

“In our family, some of us are lazy and unspiritual... like Nathan. You’re too emotional. You need to pray to God and ask him to change that.” This was said to Nathan by his dad at a family dinner. Nathan had grown up in the church as his dad was a pastor in San Diego, but they always had a rocky relationship. Nathan said that his dad would

give him 10 to 20 criticism’s per day, with no regard to how he was growing in those areas. Feeling overwhelmed and exasperated, Nathan finally told his dad that he felt that his dad didn’t love him, and that he wasn’t proud of him. Dad’s response is stated above...

After that crushing conversation, Nathan and I spent the next half hour processing it in the car ride from Torrance to Long Beach. After empathizing with his story, I had the opportunity to remind him of what his Heavenly Father thinks of him, as shown through God’s word! Child of God, justified, redeemed, no longer condemned, free, accepted, made new, and loved. I then shared attributes that I saw in him over years of discipleship; how much he loves the Lord and passionately desires to serve others! Grateful for the encouragement, we ended in prayer for both Nathan and his dad. Please pray that Nathan would remember his identity in Christ before anything else! Also pray for love, wisdom, communication, and reconciliation for his dad!



Double Sink, Double Bros!

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for us as we creatively reach students this year!
- Pray for our upcoming summer camp from June 17-20 at Biola.
- Pray for Nathan as he seeks to reconcile and heal his relationship with his dad!



## Worldviews at FVHS

In April, our student servant team wanted to teach on the topic of worldviews! I started week one by explaining to our students what a worldview is; specifically how they affect what we see, feel, and think. In week two, David Guerrero (a senior at Garden Grove) taught on the foundations of the Christian world view such as: What is God like, what are people like, what is the source of spiritual truth, and so forth. After being centered on God’s word, Jordan

Gavero (A volunteer that is now joining staff with Cru) gave a brief teaching on different world views, how to love people that hold them, and how to share the Gospel in a meaningful way.

Lastly in week four, our servant team hosted break out groups over Zoom to practice how to engage statements that don’t match their worldview such as “All religions are the same and lead to the same place” or “I am having sex with my boyfriend, but God will understand because we love each other!” Each team had the opportunity to practice reflective listening and practical apologetics! It was so wonderful to see them apply what they had learned over the past month and also grow in their confidence of knowing what God’s word says!



Happy Birthday to Jessica!



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