

The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Friends,

How do you help Christian professors and students on campus work together to do an outreach?

We stretched out 6 banners in front of Union South on the UW campus and invited passersby to share their views on the 5 important areas: the nature of God, the nature of humanity, meaning and purpose in life, the person of Jesus, and the source of spiritual truth.



The *Perspectives* outreach is an intriguing and eye-opening way to invite self-reflection and friendly, meaningful dialogue. People would come up, read through a list of possible viewpoints, and place stickers on perspectives aligned with their own. The results demonstrated a wide spectrum of beliefs on our campus. Additionally, it revealed that people hadn't really thought through what they believe in some of these categories. Even those of a religious background often had less formulated or divergent views from the faiths they profess.

In a few hours, about 100 people on campus participated. Some breezed through the process and didn't talk much, but others journeyed through slowly, engaging with a host from Cru.

One of our sophomore leaders exchanged phone numbers with a Muslim student for further discussion after a good 45-minute conversation. One professor proactively grabbed an apologetic book and exclaimed he had to follow up a gentleman who stopped by because this postdoc researcher has an office in his building. People who stopped said they enjoyed the experience.

About 30 of the individuals who participated in *Perspectives* marked they would like to talk further with a student or professor. Pray those end up being fruitful conversations.

This outreach was the first of its kind for professors, and they seemed to enjoy it. Faculty could have such a significant role on campus, but like students, many need guidance and encouragement to take a step of faith to do something. Pray that more of the Christ-following faculty on campus would find the right ways to leverage their influence for Christ on campus.





Please join us in celebrating and praying for the new year as our team is ministering on 5 active campuses (UW-Madison, UW-Whitewater, Beloit College, Madison Area Tech College, and Edgewood) and will be seeking opportunities to expand.

This year has felt fresh in many ways. Though not without challenges, there's good enthusiasm among Cru students. We've seen solid, new freshman show up who are already motivated to reach out. It's been encouraging to see their initiative.

Several students have come to Christ. Pray for them to plant firm roots as they meet with Cru leaders to study scriptures geared to help them walk with the Lord.

It was exciting to see about half the room respond when first time attenders were asked to raise their hand during the first UW-Whitewater Cru Live meeting which had a record-breaking 193 people in attendance.

Pictured here is Trenton who shared his testimony recently in Madison at Badger Cru. He shared how important the Fall Getaway was for him in surrendering his life to the Lord last year. Pray 200 or more students come to this year's Fall Getaway October 20-22 because it can be such a pivotal time in students' lives.

Pray for God to work through us as we lead and serve staff, students, and others.

*Ministry is possible because of partners like you. We are so grateful for your prayer and the various forms of kind generosity.*

*Scott & Bonnie Roe*



First UW-Whitewater Cru Live meeting



Praying with students at MATC



Trenton talking about coming to Christ



Dropping Julia off at college