

Our mission is to raise up servant leaders for God's kingdom by reaching and discipling college athletes



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Building Spiritual Movements

Acts 2 shows us how a Christ-centered spiritual movement is dynamically growing in depth and width over time. It doesn't have to be significant in size, but it's consistently adding new believers and developing leaders. Cru's way of articulating this is "God working through a team of like-hearted disciples to win, build, and send toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission." God can work through any surrendered heart.



Four characteristics make up a spiritual movement:

- 1. Connecting lost people to Jesus
- 2. Life change through discipleship
- 3. Multiplying and raising up leaders
- 4. Generating local resources

An effective movement consists of a group of Spiritfilled disciples who are connecting with lost people, pointing them to Jesus, and discipling them toward life change. The environment is relationally rich, genuinely worshipful, and spiritually exciting. A thriving movement is fun and attractive!

We recently organized a half-day retreat with our leadership team to discuss these dynamics and plan for the upcoming spring semester. It was a great time of encouragement toward the mission of reaching and discipling college athletes. We're excited about what God has in store this semester. **Pray that our leaders (staff, volunteers, and students) will be in harmony as we trust God for dynamic growth**.

Prayer for Winter Retreat

Our regional Winter Retreat is back in full force this year. We're taking students to AIA headquarters in Xenia, Ohio on January 27-29. **We're praying for 15-20 students to come with us.** This retreat provides an energy boost during a challenging time of the school year. Pray for safe travels, genuine connections, and God's Word to change hearts. Thank you for praying!

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