

Musings in Ministry

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Student2Student

Our ministry is focused on students reaching students. Sure, the role our staff play is key in developing and caring for leaders and sharing the Gospel, but on campus, we see great effectiveness when students speak into the lives of their peers. Last year, some very smart folks came up with an idea... what if we provided training and encouragement using the web to move students forward in sharing their faith? The result: Student2Student. Here's one of the latest emails involved students received. I'd encourage you to check out the website: student2student.campuscrusadeforchrist.com. Thanks for joining with me to reach students!

And whatever you ask for in prayer, having faith and [really] believing, you will receive. [Matthew 21:22, Amplified]

Student2Student Update #5: Spiritual conversations...without the awkwardness

Okay, let's get honest. We want to have significant conversations about God and life and occasionally they happen, but not as often as we'd like. Now it may be that others aren't interested in talking. But that is rarer than you think. According to national research, the chances are that four out of five of your classmates are open to talk about spiritual things.

So what keeps it from happening? It might be we are too busy or too afraid. Or maybe we just don't know how to bring it up—how to break through the awkward “sound barrier” between ordinary interactions (school, sports, etc.) and spiritual conversations.

Here is a key word to help you breakthrough—“**SOMETIME**”. In a simple statement, it can test for spiritual openness. Here's how. Simply say, “Sometime I'd love to hear what you think about spiritual things.” You have stated a simple and honest desire (you would like to know, wouldn't you?), but “sometime” takes the pressure off the moment. You are not saying you want to talk now, just sometime. That gives them freedom to express (verbally or non-verbally) how open they are to talking. And experience shows, most students are very willing in a comfortable setting.

So let's do a faith-experiment:

1. Pray that God will give many significant spiritual conversations in the weeks ahead.
2. Then step out in faith and let others know your desire—“**SOMETIME**”—especially those who are on your [Most-Desired Prayer list](#)
3. Pay attention to those who respond positively and begin to set up times for coffee and conversation (or sodas, if you prefer.)

Oh, when you get together, what will you talk about? Check out [“What's Your Story”](#).

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Students Who've
Come to Christ

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“And God added daily to their
number those being saved”
- Acts 2:47 [NIV]

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Ask God to open up many spiritual conversations for you in the coming days.

**“God unraveled his sovereign plan before my eyes.” Read what happened ...
-Robbyn, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo**

Support Update

As you know I pulled away from my responsibilities in the office to focus on a critical support need this fall. While that need still exists, other circumstances have required my return to the office to complete work on our two largest regional conferences.

In January, I will return to full-time support focus. Please pray for me as I trust the Lord with finances through the end of the year and also that He will quickly raise the remaining support I need. I covet your prayers during this time and so appreciate your partnership and generosity!

You are such an encouragement to me!

- Jessica