

THE CARSON CONNECTION

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Turn Your Campus

Turn Your Campus is a conference that pulls together local students and church leaders with a shared question: *how do we bring the gospel to our generation?* This year, Brandt was invited as a guest ministry to lead a seminar on testimony-based evangelism.

Brandt asked Daniel Le, one of Parable's staff, to join him. They opened by asking the room about their experiences sharing their faith. Most had tried it a handful of times. Almost none of those experiences felt like something they wanted to repeat. That honesty opened the door. From there, they walked through Soularium, practiced together, and worked on how to move naturally from your story to the other person's story to the gospel. A student from the first session loved it so much, that she sent her friends to the next one! She was not the only one. By the third session, students were showing up solely because their friends told them they had to come. **It was beautiful to see students realize that their own story was enough; that God could use what they had already lived through to share the Gospel with others!**

The local church is the only way Parable's vision actually scales. There are 1.5 million high school students in the LA metro area, and no single ministry reaches them alone. Days like this are how that changes.



Brandt teaching on evangelism at Arbor Road

Beauty from Ashes

Before arriving on campus, I received some really heavy news. Over the weekend, a student had taken their life. I showed up to the lunch meeting heavy-hearted, and then remembered that by God's providence, we had already scheduled a student to share her testimony that day. (We will call her Ana). Two years ago, Ana had attempted suicide and was placed on a 5150 hold. After coming to Christ, she found healing from self-harm and addiction. And it was from that place of healing and wholeness that she was able to love and counsel her mom, when her mom attempted to take her own life earlier this year.

Ana stood up in front of her grieving peers and shared her story, along with the Hope she found in Jesus. She talked about how even in the darkest places, God is with you - that you are never alone. That God can heal you and restore you. That you should never go through the darkness by yourself. When she finished, several students came up to share their own struggles and asked for prayer. **This is what God does: He shows up through HIS people, even teenagers, to bring love and comfort to others!**



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PRAYER REQUEST:

- Pray for the students at Turn Your Campus who left equipped to share their faith, and for the local church to step into evangelism with us.
- Pray for the campus community grieving loss of life, and the students who came forward after Ana shared. May none walk through darkness alone.



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