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Dearest Friend,

Lately you've heard reports about our spring break trip and summer mission plans. These occasions impact students in remarkable ways. But also essential to their spiritual life and growth are consistent study of the Bible and fellowship.

You might not relate to having holiday vacations, but have you ever been part of a small group? Nine lovely ladies and I have been meeting throughout the semester to study the book of Luke. We've studied Jesus from when he called his disciples through his entrance to Jerusalem. The girls and I took valuable lessons about commitment, prayer, and God's spectacular love. Reading God's Word is without a doubt life changing.



Part of what makes these studies so memorable though is the people we learn alongside. For example, there's never a dull moment when Lauren's around. She described the life of the prodigal son as "Waking up in Vegas." She recently used part of her salad to make our time feel like a day spa. Students need a break from class and are able to enjoy the Bible!

The friendships are also invaluable. Women come not only to be taught, but also pray for and support one another. Monday afternoons aren't the only time we spend together. Ali joined me for the annual

USC vs. UCLA track meet last Saturday. Week by week, we're building trust and love for each other. On a commuter campus, this kind of community is rare. **Please pray for blessing as we train our small group leaders for next year (May 8<sup>th</sup>) and as we celebrate the last day of classes for the year (May 14<sup>th</sup>.)**

Grace and Peace,

Christina

