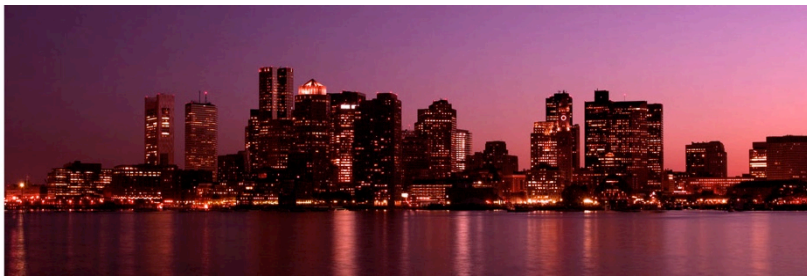


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Above: our New England Conservatory group at the retreat
Below: Malisa is baptizing Hannah (right) tomorrow AM.



Fall Retreat Update

I sat down for breakfast this morning with a group of students at our Fall Retreat. The conversation ranged from chemistry and physics problems (with Elaine from MIT) to blind auditions and discussions about microtonality (with the musicians at New England Conservatory of Music). Even after the conversation, I'm still not sure I understand microtonality.

But here's what I do understand: **this is a remarkable group of people.** For at this table are strong Christians, new Christians, and not-yet Christians. My friend Andrew (strong believer) invited my friend "Ying" (new believer) and she invited "Susie" (not yet a believer) to come to the Retreat. Each of them is here for the weekend with enough space to make friendships and connect with God.

These little moments are repeating across the retreat center right now as over 250 students from 20 campuses across Boston (Harvard, MIT, Brandeis, BC, BU, etc.) are here. The students are from across the country and across the world (dozens of countries represented). And they are from across the spectrum of spiritual experience. For many, this retreat serves to bolster their faith in Jesus and keep them following him through their time in college. But there are also many here who have not yet put their faith in Christ. Tomorrow morning, Malisa will get to baptize one of them who came to Christ at this fall retreat a few years ago.

I'm hopeful for breakthroughs in students like Susie. Will you pray for her to understand the Gospel? And will you pray that the

community formed here will continue back on her campus? There are seven students from her small school here this weekend (this hasn't happened before) and we're praying they bond well so that they both experience the gospel and get to spread it in community.

Thanks for making it happen. Loving our adventurous Lord,

Brian & Malisa

p.s. Last month we gave you a ton of things to pray for and took you on a virtual prayer walk around Boston. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING! Thanks to your prayers, we've seen God on the move across the city of Boston.

p.p.s. If you're in the Boston area on October 14, we're taking 100 students apple picking and then back to our house for chili, cornbread and apple pie baking. Want to come join us? We would love your help pulling this off! We'd love your help - baking, setting up, mixing it up with our students in our backyard. Would you join us? Volunteer at: www.cruboston.com/chili



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