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# Change Boston



## We've met thousands of freshmen this week at activities fairs like "Splash" at Boston University

Thanks to your prayers, this week, hundreds of students at campuses across Boston are learning about a God who brings us joy when we follow him.

And that's what I told Matt when he asked about living a crazy life until the last moment: why do that when you could experience joy now? Why wait?

I could ask myself the same question. Too often, we choose to follow lesser gods – success, money, power, affirmation from others, partying. But instead, when we live with Jesus as our ruler, we can experience joy.

Matt wasn't quite ready to make that decision today. But our hope is that he would become part of a community of guys at Boston University who get together and look at the Bible and see how it applies to their life. Over time, it's our prayer that the gospel would seep in to Matt's life.

I hope that someday soon he will be surprised by joy.

We'll keep you in the loop about Matt and the others we're meeting with.

God is on the move. Thank you for the vital part you play in helping reach Boston for Christ.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

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"Someone told me once that if you live a wild and crazy life, don't care for others, live for yourself, and get rich and party a lot, as long as you ask Jesus into your life 5 minutes before you die, you can go to heaven. So now I've got that idea floating around in my head."

What would you say to Matt?

I met Matt this morning at the school of management at Boston University. He's originally from India, but spent the last 3 years in New York. Now he's a freshman at BU. He filled out a survey to win an iPad and said he'd be interested in talking to someone about how to have a relationship with Jesus.

Largely because of his family background, Matt believes that following Jesus wholeheartedly will mean a life of no fun and poverty. But he also looks at his brother, who came alive in his relationship with God in college and knows he wants that.

"I want to have a personal relationship with Jesus," Matt said. "I know he is the ruler, the king. But I don't experience him as a friend. My brother has something different than my parents."

"Joy?"

"Yes."



**Sydney is so excited about her new sister!**

### Prayer Requests

- For Matt – that he'd experience the Joy of knowing Christ personally
- For the 3,000+ freshmen who have said they would like to talk to someone about how to have a relationship with Jesus
- For the health of baby and mom – due 9/26/13
- For the rest of our team as they pick up some of our responsibilities for a couple weeks.