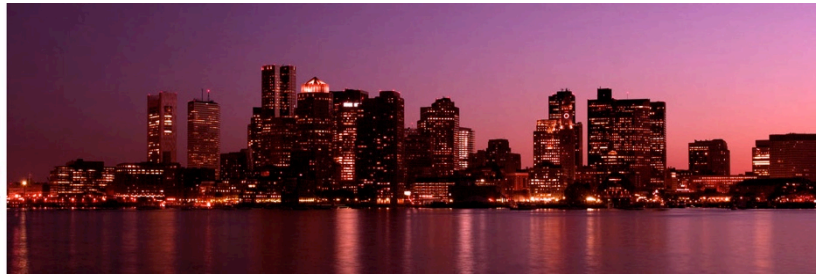


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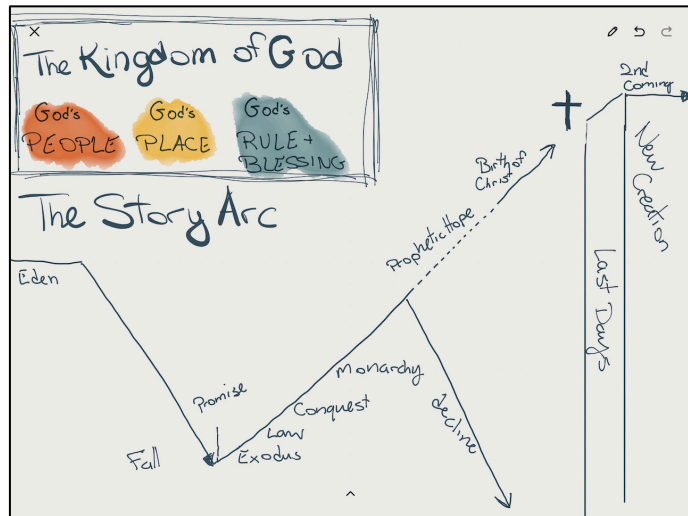
“If I take classmates to church, they are just so biblically illiterate that a sermon on a couple verses in the bible doesn’t make sense to them.” That’s what Madeline, a grad student at New England Conservatory, told some of our staff. She decided the best place to give them the context they needed was at a series of brunches in her house. “They need more context. So if we could share the big arc of the story of the Bible over a series of meals then that would be the right next step for my non- Christian Friends.” We agreed and helped Madeline pull off these evangelistic lunches.

Last weekend, I had a chance help in two ways: I got to make the lunch (Cubano Sandwiches) and to lead the discussion (looking at the theme of the Kingdom of God through the whole Bible). It was a delight on all fronts. Here’s what one of the students who came said, “It was wonderful! Thanks so much Brian, for both the talk and the food! I enjoyed every second of it and I’m sure everyone did too!”

Here’s some pictures of the meal:



And Here’s a doodle I did of the story arc of the Bible – something I first saw nearly 20 years ago while studying abroad in Australia. Would you pray that an understanding of the big story of the bible would sink in for these students?



We want to fan the flame of ideas that our aligned students have. This idea has taken off. What we found over the course of the spring semester was that not only were non-believing friends attending but believers were surfacing who were biblically illiterate as well and they wanted to grow as a result. Each time the relationally rich discussion occurred we didn’t have enough seats. The students stayed anyways and discussed openly the big arc of the bible over a meal.

Would you pray that others would host meals like this? All it really takes is a few students who love Jesus and are invitational. We can bring food and we can share the gospel. Loving our adventurous Lord,

Brian & Malisa

Would you pray:

For Madeline, Andrew, Esther, Andrew, and Leigh as they continue to invite their friends not just to lunch but to begin a relationship with Jesus.

For others to host evangelistic meals like this one



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