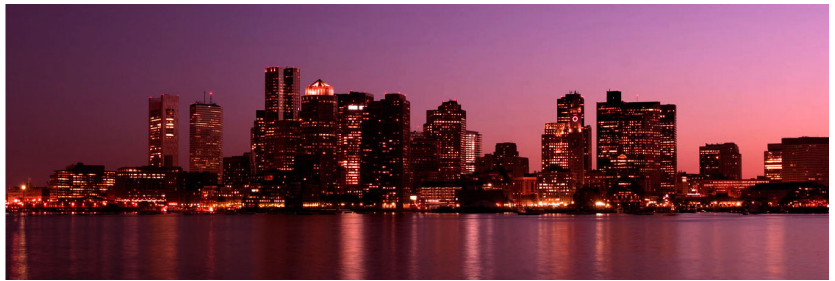


Change Boston



Listening Well to Jesus

I was shocked but said anyhow, "Emily, do you realize what you just said?" "Yes, I know God wants me to Go," Emily responded with a shy smile.

We were talking about plans for Emily's summer but more importantly, we were talking about how to let God do the leading and directing of those plans. Emily lost her mom when she was in high school. One of the ways this tragedy has played out in her life is that she feels responsible for everyone in her family. She cares deeply for her younger sister and for her dad.

For Emily, the hard part of decision making or planning comes when she thinks that she might be letting someone else in her life down (I'm sure many of you can identify with that). Emily and I were talking that afternoon about what she was going to do with her upcoming summer. She had two main options before her: (1) should she go home to small town New York or (2) should she go on a summer long mission trip?

Honestly, as I was preparing for our time together, I was really conflicted. In so many ways it makes sense for her to go home for the summer; however, I really didn't want the process of making a decision for the summer to just be about that. I wanted Emily to learn to listen to the Lord and discern where He was leading her. For the rest of her life, she will be making choices and decisions and I pray that those would be made in light of God's leading in her life not just what she wants to do.



Emily (right) with Rebecca on the way to snow tubing.

Malisa & Brian Ellis - Encouraging God for 250,000 students in Boston.

Ellis Family Corner

We thought we would start a little update section for our family. We are so grateful for how you partner with us as a family to help reach others for Christ, disciple them in the Word, and help send them out to the nations.



A big part of our ministry is also inviting them into our family to experience what God is doing amongst the three of us. In so many crazy ways, Sydney is a connector to many students who otherwise wouldn't open up and talk with us. This past week while sitting on the floor with 250 other students one of the non-believing students came up to Sydney and I and begin to play with Sydney and chat with me. Wow! That conversation opened so many doors into what is going on in her heart. Thanks for being so fun and playful, Sydney. As a family, we are having a blast enjoy some of the "first" things for Sydney. The first sleigh ride down our snow covered street, the first bite of pumpkin muffin, and on Feb 18th the first birthday including a fun pink and red party.

I'm encouraged Emily isn't just making a choice about this summer but she is practicing a lifelong skill of listening to Jesus.

This is just one of the sweet highlights of my week: meeting with these women to help them listen well to Jesus. Thank you so much for being part of building into this group of women in Boston.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

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Would you Pray

- For Emily as she continues to listen to the Lord
- For the girls in Emily's small group - that they would listen to where Jesus is leading and directing their lives (several have just taken faith steps to go on mission trips either this spring or summer).