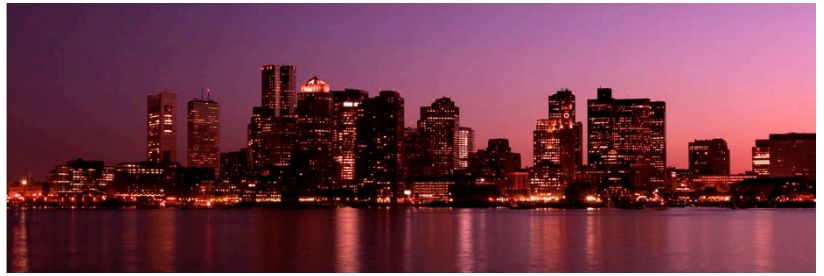


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"How do you talk to students about Jesus?" That's the question a friend of mine from church asked Malisa and me last weekend. As I told her some stories of God at work, she was in awe. But really, I told my friend, there's nothing awesome about what I do when I talk with students about Jesus. All the awe goes to God that changes people's lives.

But maybe it would help you if I walk through briefly how I talk to students about Jesus.



A couple weeks ago, I asked you to pray for our "Luo Pad" event where we cut fabric for women's personal hygiene products to be sent to refugees and others in North Africa and the Middle East.



One of the students who came to help was named "Jim".

I sat down next to him and asked him his name, where he goes to school, and how he found out about our service project. That gave me enough information to learn that Jim had been coming to our friend Ying and James' small group bible study at Boston University all year.

"Where are you at in your thinking about Jesus?" I asked Jim.

Jim told me he still wasn't quite sure he believed the gospel.

So we spent the next hour talking about the gospel. Jim shared his story. I shared mine. I shared about Jesus story in Luke 15. I told stories about skiing. I talked about the Lord of the Rings. But at the end, I did my best to sum up the gospel and how we need to respond. I used a little outline called Two Ways to Live [www.twowaystolive.com](http://www.twowaystolive.com).

Jim wasn't ready to put God in control during our conversation. But he left with real clarity: he knows how to start following Jesus if he wants to.

Thankfully, Jim is very involved with a small group bible study that meets in his dorm. And he just joined that group on a spring break service project in Lewiston Maine to serve refugees. That project, like our "Luo Pad" event, is designed not just to serve others with the love of Christ but also to give us a spot to come alongside like-minded friends who don't yet know Christ. So, last week, Jim had more opportunities to start following Jesus.



Here's some girls that Malisa helped train last night on campus. She showed them how to use the story of

God currently working in their lives to get into great spiritual conversations with their friends. If you just ask one open ended question at the end of a short conversation it can make all the difference.

We love each one of you and are so grateful for your partnership.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

*Brian & Malisa*

Would you pray:

- For Jim to give his life to Christ
- For our involved students to have gospel conversations with floormates, classmates, and friends this semester
- For Malisa and me as we get ready to welcome baby #3 this summer



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