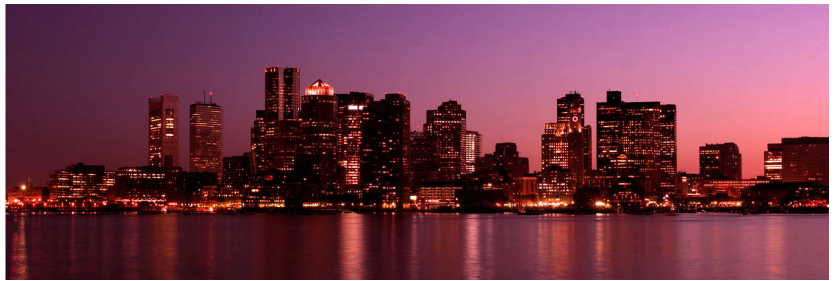


Change Boston



My Lip-gloss gives me Confidence!

Students share their deepest secrets with the world—and they break our hearts

Malisa & Brian Ellis - Escorting God for 25,000 students in Boston.

A crowd gathered around the bulletin board. They started reading postcards written by other students: "I am so aware of wrists ever since it happened," with a picture of a girl in a gown, red ink slashes across her wrists. "The more I think about it, the more I realize I never really loved him at all...and I'm OK with that." "I wish I had the courage to ask her out."

These are quotes from Boston University students on display right now in freshman dorms across campus. As my friend Todd and I were looking at them earlier this week, it was a great reminder of how much pain and hurt our students feel, and a great reminder of exactly why we're doing what we're doing.

"I want my best friend to have a horrible break-up with her boyfriend so she can depend on me like she used to." "When things aren't perfect it stresses me out." "I am obsessed with Settlers of Catan." "It was four years ago, but I still have my razor." "I think I really want a boyfriend but deep down inside I feel like I can never have one because I'm scared I'll miss out on all the other boys that will come along. Besides, giving up on flirting is harder than you think." "Mom, Dad, I'm gay."

At the heart of many of these postcards is a cry for help. And many of the solutions are spiritual ones. When we talk to students on campus about their lives, we hear things just like this. I was talking with a student who has just recently heard the gospel who said, "If you look around this campus, there's lots of guys and girls who want to have sex. At least their desire has a biblical outlet. There's none for me. I've only ever been attracted to men. The bible says I'm going to hell for that. What kind of god would give me those desires?"

Wow. My heart broke for him. One thing I said was, "I can't imagine how hard this must be for you. And the easy road is to say, 'Whatever, I don't care what God says.' That's easy. But we're not promised an easy road. This side of heaven, it's going to be hard. But a relationship with Jesus is worth it." A few days later, he updated his facebook profile to say, "I have found out that I am truly a changed person, seeing a strange confidence bubbles inside. Praise the Lord for what He has given." Wow!

Doesn't your heart cry out as you look at these "BU Secrets?" Will you pray with us that many of them hear the life changing message of Jesus Christ?

Thanks so much for the vital role you play allowing us to minister to students like these.

Loving our Adventurous Lord, **Brian and Malisa**



"BU Secret" hangs in a bunch of Freshman dorms. Students were instructed to share something they'd never made public.

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Would you Pray

- For students struggling with eating disorders, cutting, homosexuality, pornography, pre-marital sex, performance, and other issues
- For students who've experienced pain, divorce, shame, and judgment
- That each of them would find the real "BU Secret"—Jesus Christ.