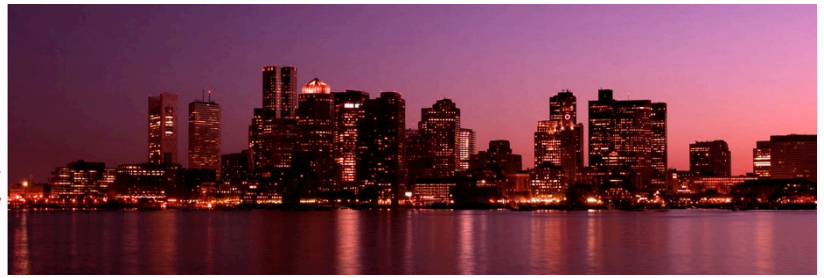


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Brian & Malisa Ellis – Serving with Cru in Boston



Change Boston



The Whole Household

We've seen three BU Lacrosse guys start following Jesus in the last three weeks. And each one is so ready for it.

I met up with "B" last week. He comes from a nominally Christian background. His mom wants him to go to church more often. But he doesn't. Since coming to college, he really hasn't gone to church or thought much about God. But his roommate started following Jesus, and so he was interested in meeting up with me. I shared a basic outline of the gospel message with B – www.twowaystolive.com. When I finished, B shared his thoughts:

"I've never heard this explained clearly. Even the little drawings are helpful. I have certainly heard about Jesus before and about him dying on the cross and about him rising again on Easter. But what you just shared really makes a lot of sense. And the stuff you about who God is, who he made us to be, and that we've all rebelled – that I've never heard explained to me."

"Ok, well, assuming all of this is true, which, again, is a big assumption, but assuming there is a God, that we are rebels,

and that God's punishment for our rebellion is death, and assuming Jesus really is God, that he really did come to die on the cross in our place and that he rose again to give us new life, that leaves you with a question: Which way do you want to live?

"I know I have been living as if I'm in control. But I don't want to live that way anymore. I want to start following Jesus."

And so, there, in Panera, B, Jeremiah, and I prayed. "Dear God, I know I am not worthy to be accepted by you. I don't deserve your gift of eternal life. I am guilty of rebelling against you and ignoring you. I need forgiveness. Thank you for sending your son to die for me that I may be forgiven. Thank you that he rose from the dead to give me new life. Please forgive me and change me, that I may live with Jesus as my ruler. Amen."

"B" is roommates with "T" who started following Jesus three weeks ago. And he's friends with "C" who started following Jesus two weeks ago. The three of them are now getting together on Friday afternoons with my friend

Ethan to start reading the Bible. It's pretty incredible. But I don't think that the Lord is done with the Lacrosse team. I'm praying that like in Acts 16, where whole houses full of people were believing in God, that the same thing could happen here in Boston. Would you pray with us toward that end?

"At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household." Acts 16:33-34

I can't get that image out of my head. He and his whole household came to believe in God. I want to see that happen on the Lacrosse Team at BU.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

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Prayer Requests

- For B, C, and T as they start working out what it means to follow Jesus
- For the other 30 students on the Lacrosse team who have expressed interest in hearing more about Jesus. Pray that the entire team (household) gets to hear the gospel
- For the other "households" across the city of Boston where college students live and hang out together – that many would follow Jesus