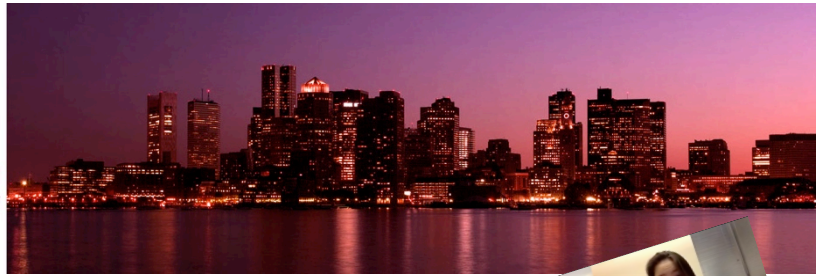


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Brian & Malisa Ellis – Serving with Cru in Boston

Change Boston



“Would you tell me about your small group...”

“I wish you could come with me to campus and meet the students YOU are impacting for Christ.” I think something like that nearly every month as I sit down to write this letter to you.

And I think similar things about students who are not yet involved with us. We’d love to give curious students a taste of what it’s like to get involved with Cru. And so, on Instagram, we’ve been making little movies to invite people into our small groups. One of the sweet blessings of our digital hybrid pivot adventure this year is that it’s been super easy to capture moments in our small groups.



Today, I want to share 3 of them with you. (available at www.brianandmalisa.com/insta)

In video 1: Athlete women, Esther asked Megan what she likes about our Cru meetings: “I really like that it’s a chance for me to reconnect with friends who I don’t see every day. Take my mind off school, stress, training. Just the day-to-day life. Dive into the gospel. Have real, raw, sometimes hard conversations with people who also love Jesus.”

Megan spent all fall living at home in Oregon and taking her classes at BU virtually. But she was able to stay involved with cru and get deep into the lives of her friends by connecting with us over zoom each week. Now that she’s back to campus, Malisa was able to meet her in person and continue journeying with her.

In video 2: Juniors with Brian, you’ll get to hear from students at Boston University, Northeastern University, and New England Conservatory. “Having this community in Covid has been so refreshing”

Finally, video 3 features one of our part-time staff, Evangeline, who Malisa gets to train and disciple. It brings us joy to watch these students grow. We think videos like this are just the authentic thing that this generation longs for. And we also think they give YOU an insight into what’s happening on campus.

“Malisa Ellis asked me to lead at BU – You’ll love it. And I have. It’s been incredible watching you grow. It’s such a blessing. I get to see how God is moving.”

Aren't those students incredible? Wouldn't you want to get involved in a student group like that on campus? Obviously, we're looking forward to an end to the pandemic and new freedoms to connect with students. But until then we'll keep trying new things to reach new students for Christ.

Would you join us in celebrating these students? After all, it's because of your prayers and support that we're able to stay on the front lines.

Loving our adventurous Lord,

Brian & Malisa

Would you pray:

* Praise God for Anna, Q, Nora, Megan, Grace, Evangeline, Joel, Aaron, Andrew, Daralyn, Evangeline, Esme, Melissa, Yasmin, Esther, and all the other students we get to work with. Pray that many more would get involved.



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