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Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere

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Your Kingdom Come!

During the early days of January, over 300 college students and Campus Crusade staff from the Northeast region flooded the city of Boston for the annual post-Christmas conference called the Boston Winter Conference (BWC). Each year, the Northeast region holds this conference for college students from universities from New York to Maine. Each student has the opportunity to set aside time from their winter break to focus their attention to God, and what He is trying to teach them. The theme for BWC this year was, Your Kingdom Come.

All throughout the long weekend, students were challenged to think about what it means to live with a “kingdom mindset.” Ben Burns, one of the conference speakers, spoke to the students on what the kingdom of God should look like to others. He pointed out that the people of the kingdom of God should be lovers of people, servants to all, fiercely loyal to God as the King, and deeply caring about the kingdom and the King’s business. Another speaker at the BWC, James White, expounded on the Lord’s prayer and specifically talked about the part in the Lord’s prayer that says, “Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” James explained that “God’s will is perfect and it’s perfectly executed in heaven. Therefore, if we are striving for the kingdom of God to take over the earth, we should be praying for God’s will to be done perfectly on earth.” He challenged the students and Campus Crusade staff to remember to desire for God’s will to be done, more than we want our own selfish will to be carried out.



Students and CCC staff exercised their “kingdom muscles” during the BWC in various ways. On the second day of the conference, there was a blood drive set up by CCC staff, with the help of the Red Cross, in the hotel we were staying in. As a side note, Massachusetts is the only state that has to import blood to its numerous specialized hospitals. So, this was a great opportunity for students and CCC staff to practically live out the conference theme, “Kingdom Come,” by giving blood that would save many lives Boston. Sixty units of blood, donated by over 90 participants, was given that day! Another opportunity to exercise those “kingdom muscles” came through the day of outreach, which is planned into the conference schedule every year. This year, students participated in various outreaches. One of these outreaches was handing out church information and free granola bars to people passing through the many subway stations in Boston. Another outreach allowed students to partner with a local church to pass out boxes of food to a low-income housing development. God greatly used these outreaches to impact people around the city of Boston and to teach students what it means to serve others.

Throughout the conference, students learned many concepts that would permanently shape their Christian worldview. Sharee, a student from Rochester, reflected after one of the main sessions and was brought to tears hearing what other Rochester students were learning. She humbly declared “This life, it’s not about me.” Sharee came to a place where she realized that God has a bigger plan for her life. She realized that her plans are not her own, but that she has to depend on God while seeking that His will be done in her life on a daily basis.

Go to <http://bwchistorian.blogspot.com/> for more BWC media (including an awesome slideshow of the conference)

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Students and CCC staff from Rochester at the BWC



Emily donating blood during the blood drive