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“So what are you guys doing here?” were the first words Justin ever said to me. I told him we were grilling out and playing softball. And he looked around, saw like 250 people and said, “All of you?” And that was the start of a great conversation!

I told Justin that we were a student organization dealing with spiritual issues and I asked him if he had a church background. He

replied, “No, but right about now I really wish I did.” For the next hour we talked.

I found out that he was a freshman. He didn’t want to spend his first Friday night at Madison in his dorm room. And that he was spiritually hungry. As the conversation went on, I got to share the message of salvation with him. Four points: 1) That God wanted to know Justin personally. 2) That sin in our lives separates us from God. 3) That Jesus Christ is the only provision for our sin. 4) That we need to make a personal decision to acknowledge our sin and ask Jesus to be our Savior. We talked through these points three or four times and at the end I asked him if he wanted to pray to ask Jesus into his life. He said yes. Then I asked him if he did pray what would that mean. His answer was right on. Justin said, “It will be a totally new beginning.” That day Justin gave his life to Jesus!

But that was just the beginning. It’s been only a few weeks since that first Friday, but since then, Justin has jumped in with both feet. He is going to church on Sundays. Two Bible studies during the week, two large group Christian meetings, and doing follow-up with me.

Praise God with us that Justin now knows Jesus personally Pray that he would continue to walk with Jesus and grow. Pray that he would develop community that would encourage him in his walk.

So was Jesus at the softball game? I’d definitely say yes!

Was Jesus at the Softball Game?



Grilling and softball... a simple social event that can have an eternal impact!

Fall Getaway:

This weekend, the 17th through the 19th, we have our Fall Getaway. This year Steve Douglass, the president of Campus Crusade for Christ, is speaking at the retreat. We are asking the Lord that many students would go this weekend. As of today, we have 210 signed up. **Pray with us for 90 more students to go!!!**

This retreat has historically been used by God to grow students in their faith. We’ve seen students make life changing decisions, from coming to know Jesus to deciding to go minister overseas to living a Christ-centered life in their dorm. As Steve speaks, he will be challenging these students to follow Christ.

Pray that many students would walk closer with Jesus as a result of this weekend.

Finally, another great part of Fall Getaway is the relationships that are started. These relationships are extremely important for these students as they step back onto a campus that can be hostile to Jesus and His followers. **Pray that students would develop friendships that would encourage them in their walks at Madison.**