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These are the students at the UP Cru Fall Retreat. We asked the question, "Are you 'All in?'" And these students rose to the challenge. Pray for the impact these students will have back on campus.

"Have we got an idea for you!" is how the email began that I received back in May. The email was from the Cru team leading the movements in the UP of Michigan. And the fun idea was to have my former college roommate, Aaron, and I speak at the UP Cru Fall Retreat.

In my experience the Christian life is punctuated by times of unique growth. Retreats have been known to jump start these times by providing a "retreat" from the everyday and intentionally focusing on Jesus for an extended period of time. So when I got the invitation to speak, it wasn't hard to accept!

One story from the weekend was the story of Sarah and her friend Bridgette. Sarah and her friend had both been atheist in high school. Sarah however, had come to know Jesus and when Bridgette arrived at MTU Sarah had a burden to help her friend come to experience the life that she had found. Bridgette somehow ended up at Fall Retreat although still a self-described atheist. I got to sit down with her and two other students and talk through her major objection. She didn't like the thought of anyone, even God, having control of her life. It was a conversation that ranged over many subjects and lasted about an hour. We talked about how Jesus is good, all-powerful, and unchanging God and how it is only a God like that who we should ever feel comfortable following. And that night I spoke on the parable of the treasure in the field and how the kingdom and being in relationship with Jesus is desirable and freeing and not confining. I got a note from her the next day in which she said, **"Thanks for helping me take this next step of faith."** I don't think she has placed her faith in Christ yet, but I believe that she is on her way. Please pray for Bridgette and for the friends around her to continue being courageous and loving as they share Christ with her.



Friday night I spoke on keeping our eyes on Jesus based on Hebrews 12:1-2. Above—Saturday night I spoke on the parable of the treasure in the field. I remember hearing a similar talk when we joined staff and it has stuck with me for years. Pray it would stick with these students too!

Updates and prayer requests:

- 1) **Praise God for Kaylie!** Kaylie did place her trust in Jesus over the weekend!
- 2) **Pray for Bridgette** that it would not be long before she too comes to know Jesus.
- 3) **Praise for our house in San Antonio!** We closed on a house today! Won't see it for another three weeks but it is ours!
- 4) **Pray for all the "last things":** For the times we get to share at churches, saying good-bye to friends and family, packing (again!), and all the travel.
- 5) **Pray that Elijah and Lily** would transition well!

Bridgette and Kaylie are changed lives. Thank you for investing in them!