



## Notes from Dan and DeAnn

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With the small group of guys I met with during the conference. Getting to process what they were learning was a highlight.



Worship at the front!

Starting the year with 1,000 college students worshipping God, serving the community, and going deeper in their understanding of who God is—and how He sees them—is a pretty great way to begin the year.

One of my favorite parts of Winter Conference is the day we send everyone—staff and students—out to partner with local churches and minister in the community. It's a huge faith builder for our students. They push past fear and discover that outreach isn't nearly as intimidating as they imagined. That confidence often carries over into greater boldness back on campus.



During the outreach some athletes praying for a man in the neighborhood.

This year, about 1,000 students from across the region attended, including 70 athletes. During the closing sharing time, many athletes spoke about how their sense of worth in God's eyes is no longer tied to performance, but to the truth that they are His children, created in His image. Athletes, in particular, often wrestle with their identity and worth being connected to success on the field, so hearing this shift was powerful.

The conference centered on the theme of *Pursuit*: God's pursuit of us, our pursuit of Him, and His desire for the whole world to know Him. If you get my emails I'll link two of the talks that stood out to me most. One is from David Robbins, the new president of Cru, who shares compelling insight into where Cru is headed and our vision for the world. I highly recommend it. *(If you don't get the emails let me know and I'll get it to you!)*

**Most pressing prayer requests:** 1) That the semester would start strong, and that athletes would come to know Jesus and take meaningful steps of faith. 2) That students would step out and commit to our spring break and summer mission trips. 3) Finally, pray that one or two seniors would sense God's leading to intern or volunteer with us next year.

—Lots of work ahead—and we're grateful for your prayers and support!