



John felt pretty unsure about this whole “outreach” thing.

He had come to the **Boston Winter Conference** (see page 2) to spend a week focusing on his own spiritual development, deepening his relationship with God, unaware that a full day of the conference was set aside to go into Boston and talk with others about Jesus. Many of the groups of students and staff were doing more service-oriented projects, which John would usually get very excited about. Ours, though, was going to a subway station and asking strangers to take spiritual interest surveys. Not an everyday activity for John.

I knew almost immediately that they day was a success when John, without hesitation, approached the first couple of guys to ask them to take a survey. Despite his fear, he was willing, right-off-the-bat, to try a new way of engaging others spiritually. **His genuine concern for people** and desire to listen were, I'm sure, as obvious to those he was talking with as they were to me. John even saw two guys express belief in Christ for the first time that day.

*When we asked the thirteen Dartmouth students who came to the Winter Conference what they would take away from their time in Boston, all of the answers centered around their **desire to become more loving and more courageous** in engaging their friends about who Jesus is.*

That desire hasn't died since we've been back on campus, either. Some of the things we're attempting this term (student-initiated!) to generate spiritual dialogue at Dartmouth:

- Sunday night discussion group with a group of freshman friends, on “Who is Jesus?” and “Why should someone believe in him?”
- Advertising, to the whole campus, a new website we have—EveryDartmouthStudent.com
- Following up with people who took free Bibles that we gave away in December to see if they want to discuss their thoughts about it
- Teaching Christian students on campus what the Bible says about sharing the good news of Jesus with others, and giving them ideas about how to start doing that
- Three Spring Break trips we're taking (to New Orleans, to Newcastle, England, and to Mexico City (the one I'm co-leading) to share the message of the gospel with other parts of the world

Please pray that God would help us to be diligent in these efforts, that our students would grow in genuine love for other Dartmouth students, and that the Lord would continue to change hearts and lives here.