In students' own words... February 16, 2015



"I've never heard this explained clearly. Even the little drawings are helpful. I have certainly heard about Jesus before and about him dying on the cross and about him rising again on Easter. But what you just shared really makes a lot of sense. And the stuff about who God is, who he made us to be, and that we've all rebelled—that I've never heard explained to me." A Lacrosse player at BU.

"I'm all in!" are words a UConn freshman voiced to God on the third day of Epicenter last month. She'd been hesitant to even go to the conference afraid she wasn't "religious enough" never having attended church before.

"Will you mentor me?" A sophomore asked Jen, our staff member working on her campus. She had been raised in an intellectually Christian home; now she wants to know how to tell "worldly wisdom from God's wisdom".

A freshman Chinese student came to a Cru weekly meeting on her campus and asked for a Bible. She also asked how we can love our enemies.

A Bentley freshman was noticeably on a spiritual journey last fall. One day he said to a friend when they were discussing how to handle the challenges at Bentley, "I came to realize the other day that I need Jesus, and I really think you might need Him too." He came to Christ right after Thanksgiving.

Mallory, a UNH student, shared with others at Epicenter last month how **she is living out her commitment to Christ in the midst of her health challenges.** You can listen to her 10-minute story here: https://vimeo.com/album/3197874/video/117667616.

"I love it, I love it and I don't know what to do!", sobbed William (name changed). Through tears, he confessed his slavery to multiple daily substance addictions. "So what I'm hearing you say is that you no longer want to get high, no longer want to run to getting high for comfort and acceptance, but you are turning 180 degrees and placing your trust in Jesus," guided Tim. William nodded through streams of tears. It was important for William to understand what he was doing. This was repentance. William, a second year engineering student, has helped lead worship at times, attended a Christian high school and was a honor college student at UMass. But he was leading a double life, and it was eating him up from the inside.

I mentioned in my last letter we were engaging about the gospel using a video Falling Plates with our friends and family via "Watch, Think, Chat" at our conference last month. In a brief 80 minutes, 72 staff and students engaged 417 people in conversations/friends watched Falling Plates. Out of that number, 38 people watched the whole film and indicated their response to the question of Will You Follow Jesus? --->

No thanks-7 I'm not sure-4 I follow another faith-5 I'm following Jesus-11 I'm trying-4 I want to start-7

So thankful!!

I took this picture after Sunday's snowstorm.

Thank you for your partnership in the





