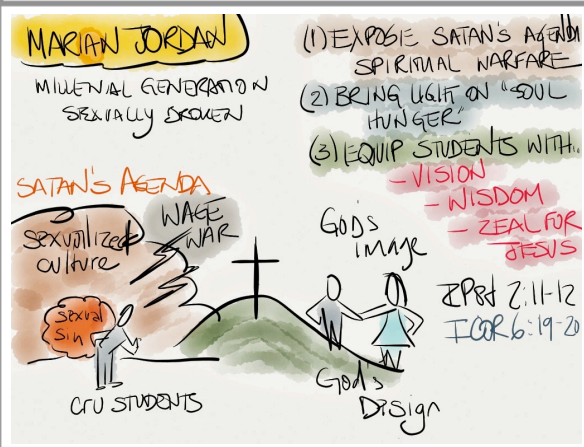


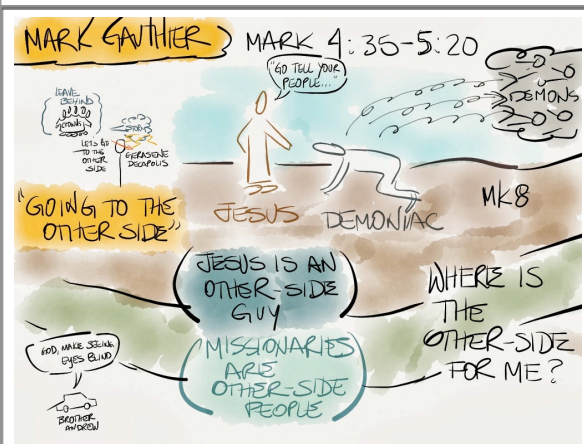


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You would have been so encouraged if you'd been sitting in the Moby Arena with the 5000 Cru staff who came together from around the country for this year's staff conference. Of course, there is so much I could tell you about - worshipping God with 5000 others, the challenges put to us by the Bible teachers, equipping times to help us be effective with this generation.

Instead I want to tell you about two of the moments that caused me to pause and worship God.



In the mid-90's the area leader in E. Asia said "Send us your people and we will send them back better." And we did send. Each of our 10 regions in the U.S. sent teams: summer teams, 1-2 year teams, long-term staff... and some did come back better; others have stayed. One man was first shared with in '99 and he trusted Christ in 2000. He is now taking over as the area leader. These two leaders stood on the stage together and we saw the baton of leadership pass from one to the other. So that was cool. But what blew me away was when the young leader said they now have 1000 national staff and have already begun sending to other nations. Isn't that amazing?



Renee Begay, a Native American of the Zuni people, met Christ as a high school student at a Christian school. God does a lot more than forgive; He heals broken lives. As a college student in New Mexico she began reaching out to other Native Americans and is now on staff with Cru. All of us in Moby that morning were moved by her story. In her mild way she challenged us as we move forward in taking the gospel beyond the majority culture in America.

In Awe of our Redeeming God,

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