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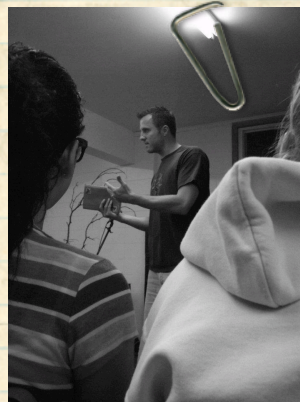
"I once was lost, but
now I'm found, was
blind, but now I see."

- John Newton

Fall Retreat = Changed Lives!

I sat down with Mark last year in Neptune Hall. Mark was what we call a "fringer". This is the term we use to describe a student who wants to keep their distance and test the waters before taking the plunge to really get involved with Cru. I love talking with fringers because they are usually the most honest about what they think and believe on topics such as God, the Bible, Christianity, and Cru. But it didn't take long to realize that Mark didn't know what he believed. Every question I asked him in my attempts to diagnose where he was coming from spiritually was met with one answer, "I don't know." At first I couldn't tell if he was reluctant to share or genuinely ignorant to the claims of Christianity. Needless to say I left the conversation rather discouraged after what felt like a thirty minute interrogation of a criminal suspect. Mark continued to hang out with the Cru community group in Neptune and he attended our weekly gathering pretty consistently, but for whatever reason he stayed relationally on the fringe.

What does this have to do with Fall Retreat? Great question. Mark came to Fall Retreat earlier this month and God grabbed hold of his heart! As I observed Mark interact confidently with other students, worship with arms lifted high, and genuinely seem to have experienced the grace of God in the gospel, I had to inquire about his life transformation. So I sat down with Mark the last day of the retreat, reminding him of our conversation a year ago. Then I asked him what had changed. I kid you not his initial response was, "I don't know," but then I realized that was just a filler statement, because he went on to articulate how God found him and opened his eyes. He described how he had experienced wonderfully rich prayer time, pouring out his heart to God like never before and knowing that God heard him and loved him. Mark is no longer on the fringe, he is helping lead the community group in Neptune, he helps set up and tear down for our weekly gathering, and he is drawing closer to the grace of God in Jesus through discipleship.



Mark



Changed lives like Mark's is a direct result of our partnership together with you in bringing Jesus to the campus. Thank you!

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