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TURNING LOST STUDENTS INTO CHRIST-CENTERED LABORERS

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I can't imagine God as a party animal

Did you know that God actually commands his people to party. In Deuteronomy, chapter 16, God tells his people to have a party that lasts seven days! It says, "for seven days you shall keep the feast to the Lord your God at the place that the Lord will choose, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful."

Us as staff and the student leaders of CRU at Ball State have had much to be joyful for and much to celebrate. So, last week we had a party. It didn't last seven days, or even seven hours. We had seventy student leaders take seventy minutes to celebrate how the Lord has blessed the first four weeks of the school year.

Crammed into a small room off of the student center we ate chips and salsa and listened to story after story of how God moved in and through the lives of these student leaders. They were thanking Him for wisdom to lead their small group Bible study through a difficult passage. They were thanking Him for strength and boldness to continue to call through dozens of questionnaires that the freshmen class filled out. They were thanking Him for His grace when they felt like they had failed at being a Bible study leader.

It was a celebration to God, praising Him and thanking Him for generously pouring out His blessing and grace on our ministry.

Here are just a few of the blessing we celebrated throughout the first four weeks.

- ◆ 1800 students filled out an NSQ, which is a questionnaire that gave them the chance to indicate if they would want more information about knowing God and joining a small group Bible study.
- ◆ Over 700 students came to our first CRU weekly meeting of the year.
- ◆ 26 Bible studies being held each week around campus led by sophomore and junior CRU leaders.
- ◆ 200 gospel conversations.
- ◆ 6 students indicated that they made the decision to trust in Christ.

PRAYER CORNER

STORIES PUT TO FILM HAVE A POWERFUL WAY OF CONNECTING WITH THE HEART. OCT. 27-30 CRU IS GOING TO BE USING SHORT FILMS TO TRY AND INITIATE SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS. PLEASE BEGIN PRAYING FOR THIS OUTREACH. BSU IS A FILM SCHOOL AND THIS COULD BE A GREAT WAY TO ENGAGE THE STUDENT BODY WITH THE GOSPEL.

GO TO GLOBALSHORTFILMNETWORK.COM TO SAMPLE SOME OF THE FILMS WE'LL BE USING.

Thank you so much for partnering with our family to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

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