

## Clay & Emily Selway

SERVING WITH CRU IN SOUTHEAST OHIO

## **Big Break**

March 23, 2018

Kelly, a PCB spring breaker, took the Knowing God Personally booklet from Mike's hands, briefly read it, and then promptly laid down for a drunken nap in the sand.

It wasn't a very promising start to a gospel presentation, by any means. Mike, an OU student, along with Nickie and Jared, were at Big Break, Cru's Spring Break conference in Panama City Beach, Florida. They had dispersed onto the beach for an afternoon of engaging with other college spring breakers, hoping for opportunities to share the

gospel. The trio had already shared with a small group of Kelly's friends when Kelly walked up, clearly intoxicated. Mike began a conversation with him, but in his state Kelly wasn't very responsive, and after quickly flipping through the thin booklet, he fell asleep.

Mike walked away, thinking the conversation was done, and joined Nickie and Jared, who were finishing up a conversation with Kelly's friend Drew (who had actually just accepted Christ with them!) They tossed a football casually as they answered Drew's questions about his new relationship with Jesus. Suddenly, Kelly sat up.

"Hey, man! Come here!" He shouted, pointing at Mike. Mike jogged over, not quite sure what to expect.

"What do these circles here mean?" He pointed at a diagram on one of the final pages in the Knowing God Personally booklet.



L-R: Jared, Mike, and Nickie on the beach.

Mike sat down in the sand beside him, and began to explain. "The circle on the left represents a life without Christ. The cross on the outside means Christ is outside this person's life. The little "S" means self, so it being on that

chair means that that person is in charge of their own life. The circle on the right represents a life that has been surrendered to Christ. Christ is not only in their life, but is actually on the throne of their life, in charge. Kelly, which circle represents your life right now? And which one do you want to represent your life?"

Kelly thought for a moment, and then said, "Well, I'm definitely the circle on the left right now, but I really want to be on the right. How do I do that?"

At that moment, Mike got to share with Kelly how all that was required of him was to turn away from his sin, and ask God for forgiveness, and The diagram that Mike shared with Kelly. choose to surrender his life to Christ. He sat with him as Kelly prayed, looking like a different man than the tipsy college student who had walked up not long before.



As the afternoon drew to a close, Mike, Jared and Nickie had to head back.

"Thank you so much. We're so glad you came to talk to us," Kelly and his friends said. We were pretty glad, too.

'Til the Whole World Knows, Clay + Emily

## Prayer + Praise

- Please pray for Kelly, and Drew, to grow in their faith. Drew's girlfriend is a Christian who has said she will help them connect to her family's church. Pray that they would all go and their lives would continue to transform!
- Our next outreach is called the Maze! We are having Christian Illusionist come on March 28th to perform and share his testimony. Please pray we'd see fruit result from this outreach.
- Pray for Emily & Baby Selway and a continued healthy pregnancy. Only a little over a month more to go!