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Eight weeks of sacrifice that pays dividends for four years.

As a team of missionaries, that's how we treat the first half of our fall semester on campus. Our goal is to sprint as hard as we can until Fall Retreat at the end of week eight every year, knowing that the payoff for our ministry and our students spiritually will be immense.

We just got through week eight and our fall retreat. We had 191 students show up for the weekend ready to connect with one another and connect more deeply with Jesus and his plans for their lives. Some of our students indicated the following about their weekend:

"The Lord helped me take my next step in faith having the opportunity to help lead men's time. The talks were amazing and resonated with me on where I am in my faith."

"Created/ started some really great relationships with freshman who seem passionate and excited about this movement. Also the talks were exactly what I needed to hear. The urgency and reminders that the Lord is coming, and the idea that if the Lord were to come the next minute, would what you be doing show the urgency of our lives to live for the Lord and spread the gospel."

"I loved hearing of the Lord's majesty, and I am just in such awe at who Jesus is. I also loved the discussions I got to have with my community group and my other friends at Fall Retreat. Not only getting to hear about the ways they



were impacted from the talks, but also learning from them and seeing the ways God has been moving in their life."

God is definitely at work in the hearts and minds of students as they are called to live out the good news of the gospel with urgency. Thank you for helping us reach these students as they learn to pursue their relationship with the Lord and others more fully and with intentionality.

Yours in Christ,

Clay + Emily



FAMILY UPDATE

We are all tired this fall with the many different things on our plates but we have been doing well. Elliott is still loving school and making good friends. He sometimes struggles to focus in class but has worked really hard and seems to be learning a lot from his instructors. Judah has been enjoying his time at preschool a lot! Wesley is growing fast now and is his normal cheerful self aside from a couple of ear infections.

Emily got to go to Kansas City for her annual team trip with Creative One Media (Cru's in-house design/videography/photography team). She had a great time getting to hang out with her team and got to film for a day in Cincinnati as well this month! I've been engaged in regular discipleship on campus with five different guys and got to speak on not missing our purpose at our weekly worship gathering on campus this month. God has been good to us as we prepare for the holiday season! Until then, please pray that we can find some much needed rest as a family.



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all of our students coming off Fall Retreat, that the decisions they made and the relationships they formed would continue to impact their semester.
- For the Lord to continue to direct us to college students we have yet to reach, even as the semester is now on the “downhill” side.
- For our family, as we seek to follow Jesus and raise our children with a love for the Lord. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guiding of us and for our children to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.