

CRU at UNC

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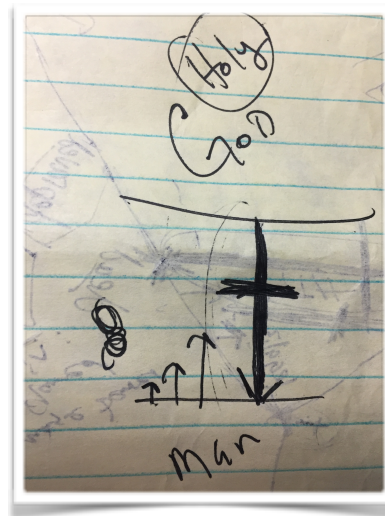
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A Convo with Jack

The week before Thanksgiving I (Josh) sat down with a junior guy who has been coming to my upperclassman study. He has been the most faithful guy to be around out of the 10 guys that come. It was the first time to get to know Jack one-on-one outside that Bible study this semester. As we began to share some of our background it became apparent Jack had been depending a lot on the faith of others around him and never really understood what a relationship with God looked like personally. We began to process the gospel and talk about a personal relationship with God not based on works or attending events but on faith in Christ. I pointed to a picture I had drawn and asked Jack, "Have you ever prayed to God and told him you want to trust Christ for this?" No was his response. "Well do you want to right now?" "Yes," he said. Jack prayed that day a sincere prayer for the first time trusting in Christ. "I don't even really know how to but I want to trust in this and not myself anymore." He looked up after I prayed as well and said... "that was really good. I feel different." We have since met and I'm excited to see Jack grow as he begins to walk with God.



Pray for the Smiths

- Praise God for Jack coming to Christ (story, right)! Pray for his growth.
- Pray for students to deeply walk with God as the demands for school ramp up at the end of the semester. It's about to be exam time around here!
- Pray for our End of the Year Ask- that God would provide \$8000 for our needs.

Winter Conference

Pray for 75 UNC students to join us in Greensboro Dec 28-Jan 1! This is a great opportunity for students to get great teaching, make lordship decisions and hear about opportunities to be sent throughout the world. Pray for good community to be built as well- this is always a fun atmosphere for us to get lots of time with our UNC students.

How has the Gospel impacted you?

Recently, we asked for those involved with us to share what God has been doing in their lives. We received about 80 responses from freshman and sophomores about how God has been at work in them and it was so encouraging! Here are a few:

"The Gospel has impacted me in radical ways this semester. As I have grown deeper in my relationship with the Lord, gaining a greater insight into the Gospel and the implications it should have on my life, I have grown more in knowing the calling the Lord has placed on my life in the years to come. Because of the gospel, I am called to live missionally for the purposes of advancing his kingdom here on Earth. This summer, I plan to go on summer missions to East Asia."

"I find myself praying so much more than I ever had, actually engaging with the Word and journaling, and attempting to share the Gospel with my non-believer friends."

"Jesus has been showing me how I should be most satisfied in him and not in things of the world. I have been learning more that my worth is in Jesus and what he did for me on the cross and not anything else."

"I'm honestly afraid to know how different my life would be had I not learned to trust in God and just abide in His presence. [I've learned] I am a broken, messy, and utterly helpless sinner but the Gospel has proved that I am endlessly loved by God."