

CRU at UNC

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Tuesday Conversations

"I wish God would send me a sign that He's real." "I don't consider myself to be spiritual." "During a difficult time in my life last year, I felt more curious if God exists." "I'm agnostic and I just don't think I can know anything definitive about religion." These are just some of the things I've heard when talking with students at Carolina this past month. Each Tuesday afternoon, our staff team (and occasionally some student leaders) initiate conversations with students. Many are happy to chat and share what they think about life's most important questions. I've been encouraged by how open students have been. But it has also been sobering how confused, disillusioned and hopeless many are on our campus. What a gift to be able to share the good news of the Gospel in response to these statements above. God has sent a sign- His son Jesus. You are a spiritual being with a soul. God is real in the good times and the hard. There are actually truths we can know about the world and God himself. Please pray for dependency on the Holy Spirit as we navigate conversations in Chapel Hill.



Prayer requests

-The kids had a great first day of school (pictured above). Then..the next day Allie broke her arm. Pray for **healing** over the next few months.

-Pray for **Fall Retreat** (Sept 19-21). Pray many students would come and be significantly impacted.

-Pray for the **upperclassmen Bible study** I'll be leading. As we study James, pray we would be changed by what we read. Pray for good community amongst the group.

Semester kickoff

In my last letter I asked you to pray for our welcome week events. Here are a few updates:

-we had 250 students at our Welcome Picnic. Free Chick Fil A is always a draw! We were able to share about Cru and plug students into Bible studies.

-we've been praying for years for more guys to be involved as those numbers have been low recently. There were 15 freshmen guys at the first Cru men's Bible study!

-22 students were at our upperclassmen Bible study kickoff (this is the study I'll be leading)

-Did you know we have a ministry of Cru for those in sororities and fraternities? It's called Greek Life and the picture above is from the first meeting of the year.

-we connected with over 200 students at our tabling event the first day of class. We have been in the process of following up with these students to share more about Cru.

