

CRU at UNC

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Spring Recap

I meant to send this letter weeks ago! Between finishing up things on campus and Harrison and Allie wrapping up their school year, it's been so busy! Here are a few updates:

Retreats: We had our men's and women's retreats in April. Our theme at the women's retreat this year was "Imposter" (how we can be tempted to prove something to God instead of coming to him as our broken selves and receiving his grace.) One of the girls I discipled the past two years, Annaleigh, gave a talk from the Gospel of Luke at one of the sessions. What a joy to see her pour into the lives of younger Carolina girls.

New leaders: The last week of classes we had a leadership meeting for all the students that want to lead Bible studies next year. We are so thankful we have about 30 students leading! We talked about leadership expectations, prayed together and talked about our vision for what we hope to see God do at UNC.

Graduating seniors: I've said it before but the hardest part of campus ministry is getting to know students deeply and then they graduate and leave! Of course it's also a wonderful thing to see how God shaped them during these 4 years. I had the privilege of mentoring 4 girls who just graduated (two pictured above). One will be starting nursing school, two will go to graduate school and one will be doing a Christian fellowship program in South Carolina. I asked them recently, "How are you different today than when you stepped foot on campus freshman year?" A few responses:

- I have more of an awareness of God's work in my life.
- I have experienced true, Christ-centered community.
- I have seen God use me in ministry.
- I understand the Gospel more fully.
- I have more of an eternal perspective. Praise God for this work in them!

Prayer requests

-Pray for **incoming freshmen**. Pray they would come to college with a longing to grow spiritually. Pray we would connect with many new students right away in August.

-Pray for **CRU student leaders** for next year, that they would grow this summer and come back in August ready to reach our campus for Christ.

-Pray for **summer Bible study**. I'm hosting a Bible study at our house for any students in town for the summer. We are studying Galatians. Pray it is a rich time together!

