

CRU at UNC

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Annual Men's Retreat

UNC's Men's Retreat happened Feb 12-14. We had 45 guys spend a weekend together in at a large vacation cabin in the Appalachian Mountains. The time was restful, engaging, and fun. And Josh got to cook four pork shoulders, so his BBQ quotient for the month is full!

Men were able to connect with each other and the Lord in a unique, meaningful way. We spent time digging into the Word individually and together, connected with each other and went on a hike along the Appalachian Trail in 20 degree weather.

The highlight of the weekend was an exercise we used to illuminate baggage we all experience or have experienced in our lives. Using an anonymous survey we processed our past brokenness together and made a pile of rocks to symbolize the weight of our sin- that we can give to Christ.

Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for men at UNC to be raised up as gospel-led leaders on campus and that they'd initiate with others around them in faith.

- Pray for our senior class to be sent well into the world with a vision for restorative faith at work.

- Pray for our staff team as we begin the process of selection for leadership next fall.

- Pray for our Spring Break trip to FL for community to grow there. Pray people would bring non-believing friends.

-We have secured housing for Charleston and are in full swing of accepting students and planning for an amazing summer. Pray for our planning and recruiting to be fruitful.

THANK YOU for your partnership!!



Here is what the Lord taught some guys: (in their own words)

-I try to carry my baggage alone rather than trusting God to carry it and others to encourage me toward Him.

-I learned that studying the Word really gives me new revelation and refreshes my spirit. It's something that I can do that can take my mind in the presence of God for a good bit of time instead of constantly being under the pressures of the world.

-God wants us to work in community.

-There are a lot of people who have the same burdens as me.

-I felt convicted to place my faith in God.

Pray for the guys we work with at UNC to be captured by the gospel of grace and begin to lead with us out of a response to the greatness of Christ.