

CAROLINA CONNECTION



For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Hbk 2:14

Relationship Talk

"A lot of my friends will meet someone and go home for the night and just hope for the best the next morning," a junior girl at UNC said in a recent New York Times interview. Welcome to the world of dating on the college campus. The New York Times published an article in February about the girl/guy ratio on college campuses and how that impacts dating.

PRAYERS and PRAISES:

-We are officially headed to Sweden this summer for project! Pray God would begin preparing our hearts now for what he has for us this summer. And pray for the 40 (yes, 40!) students going with us that God would provide all the support they need.

-Pray for our time in NYC over spring break. Pray for safety and that we'd be able to point many students there to Christ.

-In the next few weeks we will begin the process of challenging students to leadership for next year. Pray for wisdom for that process and for God to surface exactly who he wants to be in those roles.

-Thank God for the growth we've seen in the lives of students we personally pour into in discipleship.

Around this same time, Josh and I were preparing to give a relationship talk in different dorms on campus, to share God's perspective on dating. The NY Times article was a fresh reminder to us of the need for Christ in students' lives, specifically with regard to dating. Our talk was "Top 10 Dating Tips." We talked about how to approach dating, attempting to understand the difference between girls and guys, and God's design for sex.

Josh closed our talk by asking students why we are so drawn to relationships in the first place. What we are really looking for in dating is someone who will fully know us, but will at the same time, fully accept and love us- even in the midst of our brokenness! That is what is what our hearts long for. Although human relationships can offer that to some degree, only God can fully know us AND fully accept and love us. Please join us in praying that those who heard the talk (and will continue to hear it, as we're giving one more in March) would see the beauty of God's design for relationships, and more importantly, the beauty of a relationship with God Himself! To read NY Times Article:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/07/fashion/07campus>



Spring Break in NYC

Speaking of the New York Times....we're actually about to head to the Big Apple ourselves! March 6-12th we will be taking a group of 15 UNC students to New York City for spring break. We will be partnering with the Campus Crusade ministry in NYC. There are approximately 1 million college students in the city and only a team of around 15 full-time CCC staff. During our week there, we will be sent to different campuses to interact with students and, prayerfully, have the opportunity to share the Gospel with many of them. Pray for us, our 15 students going, and the 80 other staff and students joining us from other campuses next week.