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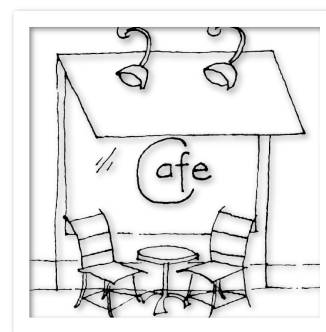
For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen. -Romans 11:36

## A Hunger for God

Once a week I meet with our intern, Zac, at a local coffee shop to discuss training materials for Zac's development. This time is designed to help Zac's ministry experience as a leader. I'm learning a lot too in the process.

A few weeks ago, we were discussing a resource entitled, "How you can introduce others to Christ." To begin our conversation, I asked him the first question in the study guide, "Are people hungry for God? Discuss some experiences you have had that substantiates this." Immediately after I asked the question, a man sitting across the room snapped his head over

at us began to walk toward us and asked, "Did you just say people are hungry for God?" "Why did you say THAT?" I invited him to sit with us. I wanted to understand why this man seemed so excited or upset. I wasn't sure which.



He joined us at our table and we began to process his life and what was going on. Turns out some hard things in life had brought him to a point of brokenness. And at the same time he was trying to sort out how God fit into the big picture. "Do you ever feel like people lose their way to God?" He completely opened up to us and was very honest with us. He wasn't sure why, but he thought that God had to be some form of an answer to his problems, but felt completely inadequate. "I want to be accepted. I have a problem being honest with people because I fear they won't accept me." For the next 90 minutes we communicated that God loved him with an infinite love so much that he sent Jesus to take care of the unacceptable parts of our lives. We shared the gospel with him and he prayed to accept Christ with us.

His name is Richard, he is 27, and in the National Guard. He has been to Iraq 6 times, and is leaving for a year in 2 months. Pray for him. I've met with him twice and we've gotten to know each other a little bit and go deeper into each other's lives.

Two weeks after the fact, I am still baffled that this happened. This isn't a normal thing for me. It is a testament to the grace of God, and a reminder that people are knowingly or unknowingly hungry for God.

### THOUGHTS OF CONVICTION:

*Humility doesn't come naturally. You don't become humble by reading about it or disciplining yourself. Humility come from humiliation.*

*-Dan Allendar*

*Are you more amazed that you are saved than they are lost?*

*-John Piper*

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

*- Our staff are in the process of raising the campus budget for next year here at KSU. Pray for \$12,000.*

*-Pray for Richard. He is in a hard place in life. Pray his faith can begin to penetrate seemingly insurmountable challenges in his life. And that he would begin to walk with God.*

*- Pray I would finish this school year well.*

*-Luke, Levi, and Nate are 3 guys I want would love to see take on some leadership and invest in others next fall. Pray for faith availability and teachability .*