CRU at UNC

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Pray for the Smiths

-Pray for our upcoming **relationship series** at large group in the month of February. Pray this would be a springboard for good conversations.

-Pray for Cru **spring break trips**. Staff will be taking UNC students to NYC and the Middle East. Pray God would work mightily that week!

- Family update:

Allie is loving kindergarten and enjoys reading. Harrison was just elected to student council and is excited about that! Pray they would love one another well and we, as parents, would point them to Christ.

Equipping Leaders

One of the things that first drew me in to get involved with Cru was the emphasis on discipleship. In 2 Timothy 2:2 Paul says "what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." This "spiritual multiplication" as it has been called is at the heart of ministry at Carolina. We pray for the Lord to raise up leaders and train them to pour into the lives of younger students. That's exactly what happened when I was in college and 20 years later it is still what I get to be a part of! This year we have about 40 leaders that lead in different dorms and parts of the Greek system- reaching



different pockets of campus. Once a month we pull these leaders together. We pray together. We train students to teach the Bible. We equip them to share their faith. (see picture above of staff and students doing spiritual interest surveys at the start of the semester)

In January we gathered together and I was reminded of the significance of that time- leaders giving up a few hours on a Sunday to be equipped and poured into. Next year many of those students will have graduated



and no longer be at that meeting. But because of how they have faithfully invested in younger students, there will be a legacy left behind. Because they have "entrusted" the Gospel to others, future students will continue to have their lives changed at UNC. What a joy for our staff team (pictured left at our Christmas party) to be a part of!