

# CRU at UNC

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## Preview Weekend

This past weekend (Jan 27-29) 220 students from our region were in Charlotte to attend a regional conference designed to give insight and wisdom on their next steps after college. The heart of the time there is to hear God's call on their life and consider options to work with CRU. We had 25 students join us from

UNC and we all had an incredible time. Erin and I had a role to facilitate small group discussions and share our story on staff. We had a great time and enjoyed time together helping students process. A few quotes from students' time there:



### Pray for the Smiths

- UNC Men's Retreat coming February 24-26

- We celebrated 8 yrs of marriage this January!!

- Our 15 yr old HVAC needed replaced last week. We are grateful for heat!

Pray for God's provision to replace our emergency fund. He is already at work...

**God Story of Support** : This week I

emailed a few friends/supporters informing them of our large expense replacing the HVAC.

Within an hour, I got an email from CRU of a large gift notification. Later that night our supporter emailed saying they gave the gift before they even got the email.

**"Well I must have sensed the need before you contacted me! I made a one-time donation just this morning. Hopefully you'll get notice or see it quickly."**

***Preview weekend really helped relieve stress about deciding what to do with my life. I wasn't really planning on going and definitely wasn't thinking about going into full time ministry, but the Lord used preview weekend to teach me to hold my future plans with an open hand before him. Honestly, it was easily one of the most impactful and challenging Cru events I've been to.*** - Meredith

***I feel like I've been given so much I want to live my life initiating with others based on God's character not what I feel like I should do.*** - Lucas

## Faculty Commons

Since its conception, CRU has been about reaching the whole campus and the whole world. Josh spent 3 days in Dallas, TX to consider being an ambassador with Faculty Commons, a ministry of CRU.

There are 2 primary ministry outlets: 1) Be a resource for faculty who have a vision for influencing academia with the gospel. 2) Helping build relationships and trust with those looking for hope in the academic community. Everyone there was so excited a rep from UNC was in the room because of all the resources and influence that are present on our campus. Currently, there isn't really anyone reaching faculty with CRU at UNC. So I'm excited to see what may happen as I spend 3-5 hours a week reaching out and connecting with faculty. You can learn more at [facultycommons.com](http://facultycommons.com).

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