

REAL LIFE SAN DIEGO

WITH CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Fall Retreat

Friends, worship, dancing, kickball, great and challenging content, discussion groups, and a weekend away from the stress of school. These are all things that come to mind when I think about Fall Retreat. This past weekend, 50 UCSD and SDSU students spent the weekend in Palm Spring being challenged in how they view the Christian Life-the theme of the weekend. Our guest speaker, Mike Berk, who has been on staff for over 20 years, **talked about what he believes to be the three things that are of value and ultimate worth: God, God's Word, and the souls of people.** He took our perspective and focused it back on our worth and identity in Christ.

A highlight for me was having Jessica C (top, right picture), a senior that's been involved in the All Sorority Bible Study for the past year, take a risk and come. I was the only person she knew, and by the end of the weekend she was exchanging numbers with girls from both campuses. Jessica has been struggling in trying to decide who and what she wants to live for--her Sorority sisters and the lifestyle and actions the expect from her, or Christ. She consistently at battle with herself. **She knows intellectually that she wants to follow Jesus without holding back, but her heart and desires are not there yet.** It was great to process this with her more and have time to hang out.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it" ~Matthew 13:45-46



Greek Words Exchanged...

Praise and Prayer

*Pray for Jessica C and our discipleship times together. Pray I can be a voice of grace, truth, and wisdom in her life
 *Praise for all that is happening in the Greek System!
 *Pray for Jen as she continues to explore Christianity
 *Pray for Crossroads, a recruiting conference we have Nov. 18-20 for Juniors and Seniors in our Region (CA, AZ, HI).

"Wait, you're a Christian? In the Greek System? How? You don't drink? Why? Is that why you and your boyfriend don't sleep together?" These are just a few common questions that our students get asked a lot. The exciting thing is that **people in their houses are noticing a difference in their lives and asking these questions!** While playing football, Craig had a guy in his house come up to him and ask about how he could be involved in Bible Study. Craig was sought out because he was bold enough to stand up in front of his fraternity at the beginning of the quarter to announce that he's a Christian and invite people to Bible study. Robbi has gotten to share who Jesus is with Jen, a friend in her sorority (bottom photo). Since then, Jen has been coming to our sorority Bible study with Robbi and they've continued to have more conversations. Jen grew up in a non-practicing Jewish home, but recently has been searching for who God really is and exploring Christianity. **Both our Sorority and Fraternity bible studies have non-Christians coming on a weekly basis!** Pray as we continue to get to know them and share who Christ is!

Lots of Love, Courtney