As the first Crossroads conference meeting concluded, I lead my group down the hall and find a table. We begin getting to know each other and making connections about mutual friends. Then I begin the discussion time by asking the question "What happened this past semester that was unexpected or hard?" As they start sharing, I realize that these Cru interns are facing tough problems.

Evan from UC Davis shares how all the freshmen in his Bible study seem to be spiritually apathetic most of the time. Two girls from Chico State are enduring hardship from a student in their movement passing away after being struck by a car while on her bicycle. Katie from UC Santa Barbara confesses her realization of pride in thinking she "knows it all." I encourage my fellow co-workers with the verse in Luke 10 where Jesus encourages his disciples to rejoice in their salvation, not their works. There were many more difficult realities shared at the table, and it was such a privilege to be able to lead and speak care into their lives. Pray for our interns here in the Pacific Southwest region (California, Arizona, Hawai'i) to find their worth in being a child of God first, not their abilities or failings. They bring so much life, energy, and passion to our region here in the PSW, and around the world on our STINT teams.

"DO NOT REJOICE THAT THE SPIRITS SUBMIT TO YOU, BUT REJOICE THAT YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN." LUKE 10:20, NIV

Also, be praying for the 400 upperclassmen students who joined us during the weekend to learn how to discern the next steps in their walk with God. Many of them are thinking about how they could be missional in their career, or intern with Cru in our region or overseas. We want them to listen and follow Jesus' lead in their lives. Thank you for your prayer and partnership!

With joy,

Left: Cal Poly SLO staff and students at Crossroads

Right: me and Roger Hershey, our dynamic speaker for the weekend

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I daily spend myself for God's kingdom by winning students to Christ, building them in their faith, and sending them as kingdom laborers.

## "PRAYER IS THE GREATER WORK."

- pray for an intern to help me with AIA next year
- pray for other AIA movements to be raised up across the PSW region
- time with Jenny during holidays to be fun and refreshing
- my mom to sell her house soon and move to FL

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