

Changing weather and falling leaves conjure up mixed emotions for me. On one hand, the long hot days are in the past, but the dark, cold days are ahead. Somewhere in the middle is the sweet spot. Cool, crisp air refreshes my lungs. College football and all-things-pumpkin are unavoidable. And for us campus missionaries, it means one important thing: FALL RETREAT!

Each fall semester is broken into two segments for us: pre and post Fall Retreat. Those first six weeks are filled with following up hundreds of freshman spiritual interest surveys, discipling student leaders, and gaining momentum with the overall Cru movement. Much of what we do on campus the first six weeks is climaxed during the beloved Fall Retreat. We focus weeks of energy and time on recruiting and making Fall Retreat an awesome experience.

The reason we work so hard those first six weeks, and push toward Fall Retreat, isn't because we want to build a nice Christian club or increase our numbers. It's because many students (especially freshmen) are asking questions about their deeply held beliefs. They're making big life decisions. Some are internally begging for significance and belonging. And we're convinced that if overwhelmed and overachieving college students can meet with the Living God, their life's trajectory will be altered for eternity. That's where Fall Retreat, we believe, meets a felt need they didn't even know existed.

The rat race of life can often lull me, and many of us, into thinking the so-called "American dream" is the ultimate aim. And if you've been around long enough, you know that one of our culture's biggest lies is the pursuit of happiness in status, money, and self-autonomy. Our hope and prayer is that students will consider a weekend focusing on the Lord is worth their time; that investing in their spiritual life has the most "Return on Investment" of all things possible.

Would you pray with us that on October 24-26, the students and staff of Indy Metro Cru would meet with the Lord in a new and fresh way? Pray that over 100 students would sign up and encounter Jesus that weekend!

With love and appreciation,

Matt & Jenny



How to pray for fall retreat:

- Jenny is handling all the registration and logistics; Matt is organizing the program and meetings for the weekend. Pray for us to still engage with students among the busy-ness.
- Pray for all of us, students AND staff, to meet with God. Pray that our "spiritual high" from the weekend gets translated into our daily lives back in Indy.
- Physical, emotional, and spiritual rest and rejuvenation after fall retreat.

Giving every student the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.