

THE NEW YORK MINUTE

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Book

How People Grow by Cloud / Townsend

Verse

..but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." - **Luke 4:43**

Prayer

- We moved back to our NYC apt late July. Pray for health, safety, energy (from urban fatigue) & rest as we prep for Fall 2020 and reacclimate
- Marysol, CCNY Sr & our student president this year! Pray she'd lead from vital connection to Jesus and community, and for new women for her to disciple
- Ashley accepted a significant financial role serving Cru in all 5 boroughs this year!

NYC FAST FACT

TREES COVER
24% OF NYC
LAND AREA



'TRIBE' OF THEOLOGY

How can we minister to students when geographical barriers, stay-at-home orders, and canceled summer mission plans arrive? How could Paul minister and spread the gospel when travel took months instead of hours, and he was restricted by years of wrongful imprisonment? He leaned in to distance communication; and it fortified the church! William Townsend (Wycliffe Translators founder) once said a bible in the heart language of a people is a missionary that never sleeps.

In many ways, virtual video services (like Zoom) have enabled us to still deliver the Word to students despite present barriers. One such summer initiative is: Cru Summer of Theology, a 10 week theology course specifically for college students, designed to make the deep realities of theology and Christian doctrine not just known, but alive and relevant in

their personal and on-campus lives. David coached 16 students through 10 major doctrines (including justification, sanctification, the trinity, missiology and more) corresponding to key aspects of Cru's statement of faith.

Marysol (center pic) had a close friend pass away this summer and almost skipped our call that night, but logged on last minute. As it happened the topic was heaven/hell. Surprisingly, 'It was exactly what I needed,' she later shared, as it gave her a larger vision & longing for heaven. Wow!

While being incredibly spiritually forming, it has also afforded unique cross-borough connections between students at Queens College, Brooklyn College, NYU, City College and others. Often students stay on our hour-long coaching call long after to exchange contact info, testimonies & prayer requests. Praising God for this, and praying for the Fall relational & evangelistic fruit.