



Close-up On Campus

Campus Ministry in New York City and the Northeast (Liberty) Region



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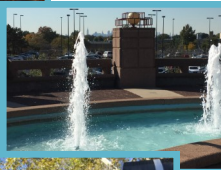
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Newfound Grace Of God



QC Cru at the end of the semester
(Yvonny: Top 2nd on left)



They discussed what '...by grace you have been saved...' meant (Eph 2:8), and they looked at Gal 2:21, 'I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the Law, Christ died needlessly.' He must've stared at that verse for 30 seconds without speaking as the reality set in that in his anger (and striving

to meet his own standard of perfection) he was missing the whole point of the cross. Maybe for the first time in his life, he understood the principle of grace.. that God's love for him is greater (and more sufficient) than his ideal self.

Yvonny prayed the whole sample prayer at the end of the Knowing God Personally booklet out loud, and then turned to David, 'I just feel like I need to keep going!' So he praised God for all the other ways he felt free and connected to Him. David was so moved that he, too, joined the prayer, praising God for what He had done that day and how blessed he felt. They've continued to meet talking about how to continue growing in grace.

Yvonny, education major, is about to graduate. He knew a lot about church. He'd heard how Jesus died for our sins and that we should worship Him and Him alone. He even enjoyed attending Christian meetings like Cru and Church on Sundays.

But one day after our weekly Cru meeting at Queens College, Yvonny and David started talking. 'I just feel like something is missing in my life.' As they talked he confessed that while he knew a lot of true things about God, he didn't feel like he had a relationship with Him. He always felt angry - at himself, at others, at circumstances - and it came on him quickly. As David asked him questions Yvonny shared having very high idealistic expectations for himself (but could never quite attain). Every time he didn't measure up he got angry. Every time someone or a circumstance fell short of his standard he would get angry.

Radiate 2015: With Us

This may have been one of the most energetic crowds we've seen in awhile. Of the 1,200+ students who attended, 29 indicated decisions to follow Jesus for the first time! 110 committed to spending at least of year of their lives in full-time vocational ministry and 283 committed to going on a Summer Mission with Cru. Just to top it all off these students committed to giving nearly \$73,000 to help missions around the world over the next year. Praise God! **Check out the video David shot and edited reviewing the conference at www.youtube.com/goliathbane86**

Bible Thought:

"You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles."
Matthew 7:16

Book Recommendation:

Dangerous Calling
by Paul David Tripp

Please Pray

- Yvonny would continue to grow and be a light to his neighborhood
- God would give us as wisdom and insight as we invent new evangelism strategies to reach men at NYU
- Wisdom as we challenge students to consider Cru Summer Missions
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

Praise God!

- For pursuing Yvonny and helping him understand the grace of the gospel
- 29 who trusted Christ at Radiate!
- Crucial foundation of trust built with students over the past semester

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

Until all hear, (Col 4:3-4)

David
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NYC Fast Fact

NYC taxis are yellow because according to 1907 salesman, John Hertz, it's the easiest color to spot at a distance