

# THE NEW YORK MINUTE

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## KNOWING GOD PERSONALLY

### THE QUESTION

'How would you articulate the gospel to a friend?' Both John (NYU Fr) and Lachlan (So) have been

quite open about their Christian faith with their peers, which has afforded them several opportunities to give a reason for the hope they have (1 Pt 3:15). Some have even joined them to church, because of the curiosity they've inspired. But the question David asked pinpointed the next skill they both needed - making the gospel both clear and inviting a response. With friends in mind they each sampled phrases they might use to better communicate the gospel.

### THE TOOL

Then, David taught them to use a tool that has streamlined gospel sharing for Cru staff for decades: the Knowing God Personally booklet. Using scripture and diagrams, it outlines in four points

who God is and how people are designed to know Him, how sin separates us from Him and how He rescues us in Christ, and how people can respond in faith. As with any evangelistic tool, the temptation is to depend on the tool, thinking just having or listening to the booklet saves. But David clarified, 'This tool was designed to be a dialogue, not just a monologue or a leaving piece,' This of course means taking time with a person, hearing their obstacles and addressing their questions. 'Who could you share this with?' David asked. They brainstormed together a list of 10+ friends they could share with, and they only stopped, because their time ran out!

### THE RESPONSE

Hours later, John texted them in all caps: 'I just shared the gospel with a British guy! He was so touched!' Oh, that we all had his passion!

### Book

*Unsatisfied* by Sean Vollendorf

### Verse

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. **John 3:1**

### Prayer

- 40 students attended city-wide prayer event, nearly all committing to aid world missions in some way!
- Pray for new partnerships with Bronx pastors so movements will stick there
- AIA movement born at NYU!
- Baby Emma is growing, smiling and cooing now!
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

### NYC FAST FACT

THERE ARE 840 MILES OF SUBWAY TRACK IN NYC, WHICH IF STRETCHED OUT COULD REACH CHICAGO

