



CLose-up On Campus

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



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God Causes The Growth



NYU sophomore, Olivia, with new to Cru upperclassmen, Kristen

As she's hung around our Cru movement the past year we've been sowing seeds, watering and tending, but it's been unclear whether growth is occurring. In one appointment Ashley helped Olivia see how she could connect with God in daily quiet times; so Olivia tried it out. When she reported back Ashley was surprised what God used to speak to her:

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all (Gal 1:6)."

In Hebrew *yada* generally means 'to know in a deep sense.' Brene Brown, a research professor in social work, asserts, "Connection is why we are here."

Yet, the reality on NYC campuses reveals a real struggle to connect with others. We constantly hear students say things like: 'I have no friends,' 'I feel so isolated and lonely,' 'It feels like the only way to meet people is partying,' 'The studies are so rigorous, I barely have time for being social,' 'People already reject me because of my faith.' Even more, students are feeling a great lack of connection from their ultimate need—God.

Like NYU sophomore, Olivia. She confessed it is a daily struggle for her.

Olivia realized that even if she wasn't intentionally defying God, that her inaction could be just as harmful to her walk with Jesus. She described how in that moment of

NYC Fast Fact

50,000 people ran in NYC's 2016 Marathon for the \$100,000 1st prize (compared to 127 runners in the 1st race in 1970)

conviction she found herself clinging so tightly to His forgiveness. It was perhaps our first sighting of life, of the seed peaking up from below the surface! What a great reminder that while much may be hidden from our sight, God is always working under the surface.

Would you pray for students at NYU to experience meaningful friendships within the community of Cru and for them to have deep connection with the Lord?

Bible Thought:

"The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt." Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea.

Exodus 13:17-18

Book Recommendation:

Life Together
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Please Pray

- Students to register for Winter Conference (Dec 28-Jan 1)
- Students to respond to God's call on their lives for the summer (whether it's overseas, home or Wildwood)
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

Praise God!

- Successful monthly NYU women's times, great relationships forming
- Discipleship groups forming at NYU
- Continued success as David does followup with Isa!

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

David & Ashley
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