



Close-up On Campus

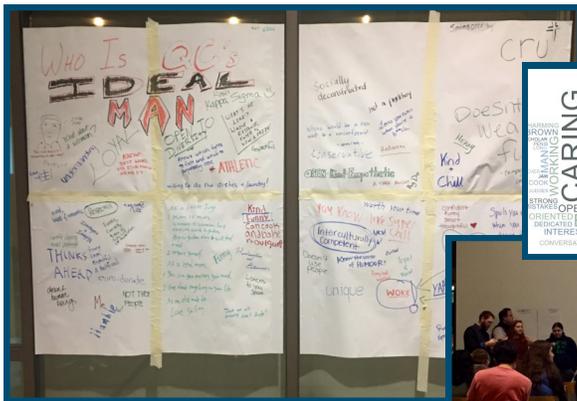


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The 'Ideal Man'



Free Speech poster, the night of the event and the results for 'QC's Ideal Man'



and 'caring.' Men seemed to think having 'good hair' and 'being athletic' were ideal markers. Later that night we invited students to join us as we described their ideal man. It was a record turnout.



Oh, it was cold. Just above freezing.. and raining to boot. But we were committed to meeting new people. We'd set up a table in front of Queens College's only residence hall, Summit, in an effort to engage the nearly 500 students living there. We'd stumbled upon tabling permission because Craig, Assistant Residence Hall Director, to our surprise was a believer! He shared with us, "There are no Christians trying to engage these students. They're lonely and not connecting well with others. I wish there was someone who would bring Jesus to them.'

So we tried to make a big splash. In honor of Valentine's Day we displayed several large banners entitled: 'Who Is QC's Ideal Man?' and invited students to submit their thoughts about his characteristics. Responses included 'funny,' 'honest'

Craig said he'd never seen so many students come to a Res Hall program!

As we looked at the response cards, several students indicated a desire to know God, grow spiritually and/or understand what Christians believe. That's how Ashley and Aniska met Erika.

NYC Fast Fact

In 1989 less than 1% of New Yorkers attended church. Today that number has grown to over 5%

They set up a meeting with Erika, and Ashley let Aniska explain the gospel. Erika was hanging on every word. She surrendered her life to Christ right there! Now, months later they and several friends gather every Wednesday in Summit for Bible Study and encouragement. It's the beginning of a new chapter at Queens College!

Bible Thought:

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

Genesis 50:20

Book Recommendation:

Simply Tuesday
by Emily Freeman

Please Pray

- Continued follow up from Spring Break evangelism momentum
- God would prepare hearts & raise up support for 30+ students attending Wildwood Summer Mission
- More students to apply for Wildwood (there are 6 remaining spots to fill) and for Alex & Emily, 2 NYU freshmen girls seriously considering going
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

Praise God!

- Erika, Emily & the 30 other students who have indicated decisions for Christ over the past two months!
- For an exciting opportunity to lead the Wildwood Summer Mission.. 3 NYC students are already committed to joining us! (Aniska, Richard & Liz)
- For some great beginnings of partnerships with churches in the city. Several pastors and lay leaders have participated in our movements at NYU and QC

Big Apple Spring Break

Every March NYC hosts Cru students from all over the country on their Spring Break. They give a huge evangelistic boost to our current movements and even help us launch new movements here! Here's how it turned out:

629 SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

337 GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS

32 ACCEPTED CHRIST*

*We saw 5 students receive Christ last year



Spring Breakers from UMass and NC (among many others) sharing on campus and praying for the city. The UNC Chapel Hill group (**bottom left**) helped David share at Hunter College

Pray for Hunter College, where we haven't had any access since 9/11. In 5 days, because of God's divine door-opening we were able to have 43 spiritual conversations with 2 girls praying to receive Christ! Pray for the launch of spiritual discovery groups among these 43 students!



Leading The Summer Mission To Wildwood, NJ!

David has been asked to lead the Summer Mission to Wildwood, NJ this year! It is a tremendous honor and responsibility. As you know, Summer Mission's are the best opportunity we offer as an organization for students to richly experience growth in community, hands on leadership and relative ministry success. Every year we train students to both experience and share the truth of the gospel with others in natural and appropriate ways, and every year they

lead countless others to faith in Christ.

Would you consider giving \$50, \$100, \$200 or some other amount to help us equip students this summer to treasure Jesus and make Him known for a lifetime?

Also, if you know college students who may want to be a part of this immersive, 9-week ministry opportunity*, please contact us. There is still time to apply with limited spaces remaining.

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

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*All students work 30-40 hrs/wk for local employers. This becomes both their personal ministry for the summer as well a source of savings for the following school year. For more info go to: www.wildwoodsp.com