

# Merry Christmas

## God, The Perfect Gift-Giver

*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." - James 1:17*

God is the ultimate gift-giver. When we ask short-sightedly, or even when we don't fully know what to ask, He sees our need and is faithful to perfectly supply in full. And He has certainly been our portion here in New York City.



## Jesus, The Perfect Gift

Three years ago, we could count the Manhattan students involved in Cru on two hands (of about 100,000!). This Fall alone we are praising God for 14 new brothers and sisters in Christ! Students like Aiden, who grew up with one Catholic parent and one Jewish parent. When David met him, Aiden asked what Christians believe. As David explained that we all wronged God, but that He paid the punishment for that in Christ, he was shocked. 'I've never heard that before. What do I do?' Or Mia, who heard about a Cru outreach from NYU Cru leader, Betty. She was full of questions when Ashley asked, 'Have you ever considered how to have a relationship with God?' 'I have, but I don't even know how I would begin that!'

This is explosive growth in one of the more spiritually resistant areas of the country. But perhaps even more encouraging are the number of students who are treasuring Jesus and making Him known, who have a passion for their friends to experience the joy of the gospel. Like Catherine or Lachlan, who have both wept as they pray for their lost NYU friends. We feel so honored to be a part of what God's doing here in the city. We know He hasn't called us to do it alone.

## Reaching NYC

As 2017 comes to a close would you consider giving a special gift for our ministry so that we can continue this important work of reaching students like, Mia or Aiden, for the Lord? We have experienced a shortfall and are asking the Lord to provide \$10,000. You have been so gracious over the years and for that we give thanks to the Lord.

Would you prayerfully consider giving a special Christmas gift of \$750, \$500, \$250 or some other amount? You can make a check payable to Cru and mail it back to us in the enclosed envelope along with the response card. If you would prefer to give a gift online go to [www.coffeythoughts.org](http://www.coffeythoughts.org) and follow the giving links.

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Christmas Devotional

Good News of Great Joy  
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