



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

Close-up On Campus



60 W 91st St, Apt G • New York, NY 10024 • david.coffey@cru.org • 814-460-5470 • ashley.coffey@cru.org • 717-262-3889

Year 8 May 2016

For more about us, growing in faith or giving go to: www.coffeythoughts.org

Fully Known And Fully Loved

"In my life, I've dealt with self-hatred, lack of self worth, depression, and at my lowest point suicidal actions. But my heart, broken and shattered, was restored by Jesus's great love for me and His pursuit of my heart."

The words of NYU second year, Aby.. who came to know Christ before college, but as mentioned has faced many struggles. Week after week Ashley met with her for discipleship, and it was clear that she was growing and responding to His pursuit of her heart. She wanted to be shaped and molded by the Lord, trusting He could use her life for His purposes. What a praise that she has so developed spiritually while at college with us.

Unfortunately, NYU's annual \$46,000 tuition has made it difficult for Aby to continue, and she is planning to spend next semester back at home in SC. But we are rejoicing still. Now she sees God's call on her life with absolute certainty: to treasure Christ, represent Him and point others back to Him.

As she's preparing for this homeward season, Aby shared how she was able to grow so much in the city. "The community I found here was just different. I could not have made it this long without my friends in Cru." She went on to talk about her ability to be transparent and genuine about struggles in faith and life. Henry Cloud says, "We can't grow until we

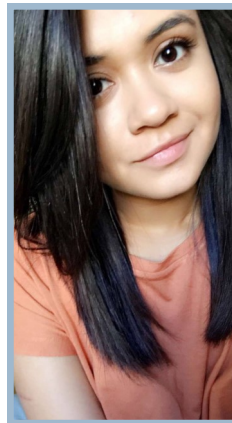
know we're fully known and fully loved." As trust was built, Aby began to feel known and loved—the greatest space for growth. Aby's view of herself (& God) has found deeper spiritual roots in this community of believers. With dear friends cheering her on, she's taken giant steps of faith!

It's with this conviction of her need for real relationships of lifelong, spiritual significance that she is now praying for like-minded friends back home. Even more, Aby also has a strong desire to be a catalyst in her home church for genuine, transparent, life-changing community. She wants to model this well with the youth group and her family. Would you join us in prayer as Aby returns home with a fresh message of gospel hope.

[Pray also for our NYU Cru community to continue to be transformational. Real community is rare and can be the biggest attraction to students here in this large, incredibly overwhelming and isolating city.]

NYC Fast Fact

Madison Square Park, Washington Square Park, Union Square Park and Bryant Park all used to be cemeteries



Aby at weekly NYU post-Cru tradition: eating at Chick-fil-a

Bible Thought:

"We will never again say, 'Our god,' to the work of our hands; for in You the orphan finds mercy."

Hosea 14:3

Book Recommendation:

The Last Battle
by CS Lewis

Please Pray

- Wildwood, NJ Summer Mission May 25. Pray for His preparatory work
- Students like Aby would walk well with Jesus and connect to His body over the summer
- Local NYers participate in Summer Connect to flourish b/w semesters
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

Praise God!

- Star NYU leader, Kristen, is going to East Asia on Summer Mission
- Our staff team increased by nearly 4x's from Spring to Fall '16. It's projected to nearly double again by the close May '17. God's on the move!

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

David
Ashley
David & Ashley
cru