



Close-up On Campus

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



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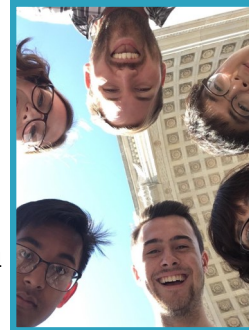
New Friends = New Movements

We're back on campus, and it's like running an Olympic Usain Bolt race - sprinting as fast as we can, covering as much ground as we can before the time runs out. In our case we've got about two and a half weeks to engage nearly 5,000 NYU freshmen with meaningful encounters to Christ (and our Cru movement) before the window of openness closes. Fortunately, NYU takes connecting their freshmen very seriously and hosts an entire Welcome Week of 500+ events (talk about a welcome!) before classes start.



David speaking to a packed 1st meeting

As event hosts we were able to meet countless freshmen from all different backgrounds, start conversations - many of them turning to spiritual topics, even the gospel. When our first weekly meeting rolled around there wasn't an open seat in the room! Most of them were freshmen, and several of them were students we'd had second appointments with! Students like Juliette, who is a film major dreaming of using her degree to shoot gospel-centered documentaries that take Christ to every person. Or Natalie, from Indonesia, who after hearing from one of our staff how God could rescue her from the pain of her past accepted Christ! It was a night to remember!



Bible Thought:

"...let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again..."

Luke 15:23-24

Book Recommendation:

Augustine on the Christian Life
by Gerald Bray

Please Pray

- Continued conversations with these men David's been meeting with
- Follow up conversations with the scores of students we've shared with
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

Kayaking For The Kingdom



David, Liam, Martin & Stefan

While many movements seem to naturally attract women, the coveted demographic is men. This is no different in NYC. Each event David helped host the freshmen guys seemed more interested in SnapChat or Pokemon Go than connecting with the group.. That is, until one of the last events. 7 men full of excitement came together! David naturally gravitated toward them, hearing their

NYC Fast Fact

The ice cream cone, pasta primavera and eggs Benedict were all invented in NYC

stories, probing for the Spirit's leading.

One shared about coming from a Catholic background, but not really understanding what it meant to know Jesus. He asked David why he became a Christian and why it meant so much to him. Rarely do such requests to share your story come so directly! David shared how growing up he'd always seen his mom so active in church, and how as a young kid he asked her why. It was because of what Jesus had done in her life. She explained how he could know Jesus. And David's relationship with Jesus began right there. Something about knowing Him led David to treat people differently. He felt a confidence and a freedom. He had purpose and joy. This student was hanging on every word, asking more questions until they were interrupted.

Over Labor Day weekend David was able to connect with him and a few others as they found free kayaking together on the Hudson River.

Praise God!

- Mark, Natalie and Martha all accepted Christ during the first week of classes!
- We are still continuing to meet new students and growing!
- 20+ students at both NYU and QC 1st weekly meetings!

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

David & Ashley
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