



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

# CLose-up On Campus



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## Kicking Off A New Semester



Students and staff gather the Saturday before classes to prepare for Spring 2016

There were at least 9 NYC campuses represented on that chilly Saturday morning. Student leaders traveled from as far as Long Island, Brooklyn and Westchester excited to connect with each other after a month-long winter break Perhaps just as eagerly they wanted to refine key ministry skills to help them bring Christ to their campuses. We helped them prepare their 3-minute testimony for anyone God might place in their path. We equipped them with gospel-centered resources to lead Bible Studies and disciple underclassmen. We helped them see Jesus' vision for not just gathering together as Christians, but taking the gospel to the remotest parts of NYC and teaching those who respond to do the same (Matt 28:20). As a parting

challenge we gave \$5 Starbucks gift cards to each attender with one caveat: each must be used to take a nonbeliever out to coffee. Perfect excuse for making a new friend & having spiritual conversations!

Our leaders drank it in! NYU Sophomore, Abby, is already praying for five nonbelievers this semester to build relationships with and invite to Cru. Ashley recently picked her up for discipleship.

Pray that God would use her zeal and intentionality to reach lost students.

John, a freshman at St John's University (by QC), is connected to Cru's military movement and has already begun partnering with QC Cru by coordinating days of gospel sharing on both campuses. David is working with him. Pray John's passion and example would rub off on others with his remaining 3.5 years of growing and leading!

QC Cru leaders, Alan, Israel, Dara and Shirley, loved the testimony training and are now planning to include students' changed life stories in weekly meetings. Ashley's already met with Dara who will share hers first. Pray newcomers and new believers alike will be inspired to pursue Christ, because of His work in Dara's life.

### NYC Fast Fact

The city of New York will pay for a one-way plane ticket for any homeless person if they have a guaranteed place to stay

## A Freshman's Vision

Later that week David caught up with Will, a freshman from the Kickoff. As they sipped their coffee Will shared about playing basketball and finding a church in the city. He also described the intellectual-ized—even spiritually closed—environment at his school. David asked him, 'What would you want to be true spiritually for you at the end of the semester?' Without missing a beat he shared about his plan to craft a weekly meeting that gathered for fellowship and dispersed to reach the city. He even listed faculty and student connections he had. Pulling his jaw up off the ground David quickly said, 'I would love to help you do that!' Pray God opens up doors at Will's college that might even open doors for the whole city!

### Bible Thought:

"..whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything."  
**1 John 3:20**

### Book Recommendation:

**Bible Basics for Everyone**  
by Terry Glaspey

### Please Pray

- Students (like Abby) would capitalize on \$5 Starbucks cards to build real relationships and share the gospel
- God continues to grow Will's faith & multiply his influence at his college
- Hosting Spring Breakers all of March
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

### Praise God!

- For QC Cru leaders learning to better communicate His story thru theirs
- Ashley's new discipleship relationships at NYU and QC
- For Will & John's maturity/apt-ness; all they need now is a little direction

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

David & Ashley

