



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

# Close-up On Campus



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## Just A Walk In The Park



Sean at Cru Summer Mission last summer

Monday afternoon. Tall city midrises shade the narrow streets of Greenwich village, home of New York University. Nestled comfortably within reach of the surrounding academic buildings, the subway and the iconic Washington Square Park (WSP) is the local, cash-only coffee shop, Third Rail, where David met with NYU senior, Sean. Sharply dressed, yet unassuming, the Computer Science major has been connected to Cru for several years now. In fact just before returning for classes he spent several weeks on a Summer Mission with Cru reaching lost students. Now, a few weeks into his last year of college, God is still using him.

"I just met this guy named Justin." Justin is not a Christian, but he was curious enough to visit Sean's church and come to Cru. "If I can get him to come to Fall Retreat, I can



connect him to other Cru students, too." Oftentimes (and especially in the city), experiencing the gospel in community is just as important as hearing the gospel preached or shared. With the Fall Retreat less than a week away we are praying Justin responds to Sean (and the Spirit's) beckoning.

NYU, the flagship movement in the city, has ebbed and flowed, but after a few years of incomplete student leadership teams, 5 students have faithfully stepped up to the challenge. Sean himself is helping to lead Cru's city-wide men's Bible study with intern Chris. Collegiate men from Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens quickly pay the 30 -minute-to-an-hour commute for the chance to devour the Word and grow in community, something that may well be a first for NYC Cru.

After circling WSP's fountain – the famous Washington Arch to our backs – Sean shared how God seems more real to him than ever before. "I have so much more passion to read the Word.. do ministry, because I actually know Him more." Music to our ears! Isn't this the fount of all true ministry: to know Him so richly that we live as a response to His undeserved favor, not as an attempt to earn it.

### NYC Fast Fact

It takes 75,000 trees to print the Sunday edition of the New York Times

## Welcome To The Beginning

We get a good cross-section of interaction with these students. After much orientation to the city, **we've officially been placed at NYU and Queens College** (among the larger NYC movements). Pray God would keep us safe with so much cross-borough transportation and continue to give us a posture of humility as we first learn these movements and then figure out how to come alongside them to see them grow.

### Bible Thought:

"But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and good conscience and sincere faith."

*1 Timothy 1:5*

### Book Recommendation:

*Gospel Centered Discipleship*

by Jonathan Dodson

### Please Pray

- Fall Retreat would be a rallying cry for believers and non believers, like Justin, to be transformed and sent by the gospel
- Safe subway travels & a posture of humility as we learn NYC culture
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

### Praise God!

- 5 solid student leaders stepping up at NYU, pray He'd draw more men too
- We're very excited about our placements at NYU and Queens college!

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

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