



Cruse-up On Campus

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



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Tears Of Joy At NYU



Last NYU Cru of the year (with a view) Sending off two graduating seniors

Though new to the crowd at New York University's (NYU) weekly Cru meeting, we quickly to felt the sense of family in the room. It was Senior Send-Off night (last meeting of the year) and students gathered to say their goodbyes for the summer and reminisce over the past school year.

As much as New Yorkers may boast of their independence and self-sufficiency – these students represented a clear counterexample that New Yorkers really do long for the connectedness that God designed us for. Student after student shared about investing in each other with great affection. Each senior had tears in their eyes and beaming pride as they talked about underclassmen they'd disciplined over the past year.

The best part about a community of believers like this is when others enter into it—it's undeniable! They question it, they are perplexed by it and want to see what they know. Like Mac, a Medgar Evers student, who entered into conversation with Cru students at his campus questioning if God existed. Several conversations

later he was sure this 'God stuff' had nothing to do with him, but he enjoyed the people and agreed to go to a Fall Retreat (last October). "Within hours...I realized I was looking at everything completely wrong. I finally just got to feel who God was...It was being in that community and feeling the energy of everyone there...it was the first time I felt who God really was."

Or like Steve*—who has been attending Cru meetings all year at NYU, meeting with staff and students asking questions, but has not made a decision for Christ. These non-Christian students want to be around believers. Praise God for that ongoing and positive exposure, and pray for more encounters!

*not actual name

Mac → at Fall Retreat earlier this year
Also pictured: Brittany (intern) and Chris



NYC Fast Fact

Serendipity III boasts the Guinness World Records' most expensive dessert with the \$25,000 Frrrozen Haute Chocolate

Bible Thought:

"Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart."
Jeremiah 15:16

Book Recommendation:

A Grief Observed by CS Lewis

Please Pray

- We began apartment hunting! Pray for wisdom, His favor, and that we'd find the place where we can be a blessing to those around us and do life well!
- Pray for His provision and leading as we're in transition/traveling pre-NYC (Staff Conference in CO in July)

Praise God!

- 1st apartment-hunting trip was helpful! Submitting applications and looking for other deals now
- Great connecting with & encouraging NYC students and friends in the ministry while apartment-hunting
- Successfully moved out of our first apartment since being at IUP!

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

David & Ashley
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