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Matthias (L) and Jasper (R) at Fall Retreat



## Book

*Consumed by Hate, Redeemed by Love* by Thomas Tarrants

## Verse

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." - **John 13:8**

## Prayer

- Record 58 students at Fall Retreat, and 40+ at MU!
- Pray Marshall & Fabian (GW Fr) would come to Christ as David & Emilio have shared gospel twice w them!
- Praise for 3 MU athletic Bible studies and 2 general. Pray for new students reached
- David's arm was injured in an e-scooter accident. No breaks, but there might be a muscle tear. Pray the gospel continues to speed ahead without any hindrance, & our trust in Him only deepens

## DC FAST FACT

THE CS LEWIS INSTITUTE WAS FOUNDED IN DC IN 1976



### WALK IN THE LIGHT

Can you guess a 7-letter word that means: "say the same as," and rhymes with mess?

Confess. It is no easy task. It requires admitting we are in the wrong and agreeing with God that we need to change. It is the subject of many of our first meetings with new students in bible study and initial follow-up. So when David met with Matthias, a GW Fr, to discuss this very topic, David was surprised to hear him first offer, "God has really been **laying confession on my heart.**"

The previous weekend was our Fall Retreat (our DC movements joined with the University of MD movement). We **broke a record with 58 DC students in attendance.** There was a palpable sense of cohesion across campuses. One unbelieving DC student came to Christ during the weekend! And David before a

session rallied students to consider dedicating a summer during college to missions. Praise God for how He works there every year.

So it was that Matthias, during the much anticipated Fall Retreat men's time, found himself in a group with all UMD students. They took turns searching their hearts, identifying sin and confessing to one another (Jam 5:16). "**It was so powerful to see other men willing to be vulnerable and not threatened by confessing,**" Matthias shared with David back on campus. "It made me love Jesus even more."

Together, they explored 1 John 1:5-9, how the Christian life is like walking in the light, where God is light and our sin is exposed to Him. The reason a Christian doesn't have to feel threatened to confess is that **God is faithful (He is devoted to us) and also just (Jesus already paid for our sins on the cross).** Jesus really is our only hope.





### PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

We only have one month at the beginning of the school year (give or take a few weeks) to meet new college students before they establish their own rhythms and associations on campus. **That means at that time we book our schedules with more events, drink more coffee with new students, and stay up just a bit later than at any other time of the year.**

At Marymount we hosted a campus picnic (which was swarming with freshmen!), and we tabled in the middle of campus, inviting students to come to

Night of Fellowship (our large group Cru meeting) Thursday nights at 7pm.

**We set an MU record** the first meeting with 30+ students. Then, set another the next week with 40+, nearly half were men! David launched a men's bible study with Kristian (Sr) where 10 men have attended weekly. Ashley has begun discipling Eliana (So), a volleyball player who co-leads an athletes bible study on campus. Praise God for the fruit He is bearing at MU and the role we get play in that.

The movements in DC seem to be in a revitalizing stage. It is exciting to be a part of them as they establish, root and grow!

DC Metro at Fall Retreat (GW, AU and MU students plus staff)



Here's the Coffey's!

