



# Close-up On Campus

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



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## The Kid's A Natural



Aniska, Queens College freshmen, sharing and making friends at Fall Retreat



“How crazy is it that you came into my store today.. me feeling distant from God.. and then you sharing that message...” She continued, “I love my life. I have a great husband, kid, this store that I love... sometimes you can have everything and still feel like you have nothing.”

“I have never done anything like this before,” Queens College freshman, Aniska, explained as they walked out into the streets of Baltimore at Cru’s Winter Conference.

After hearing some incredible messages at the conference students were venturing into the city trusting God to lead them to spiritually open people. That’s how Aniska and Ashley paired up, surveys in hand. They walked into a shop and quickly met Jenee, the owner, who was kind enough to answer their questions. She mentioned having grown up in Baltimore and loving it. As the conversation progressed she added, ‘I have felt distant from God... even though I grew up going to church.’

Abruptly, two customers walked in, triggering the end of their conversation. As Jenee wiped away tears, Aniska quietly handed her the booklet to keep and they left the store. And that would have been the end.

But a few minutes later, Aniska wanted to go back inside! ‘I felt like we left in a rush.’ Just as quickly they walked back in, apologized for the abrupt end and asked if they could pray for her. Eager to care for this woman, Aniska offered her hand to hold as she prayed for her new friend.

Aniska shared afterward how her pastor talks about people longing to know God, but it never really felt true until that moment, in a real encounter. What a great first encounter!

### NYC Fast Fact

The Fulton Street Revival of 1857 (last great revival in US history) began in NYC as a regular prayer meeting

Without missing a beat Aniska asked more and effortlessly transitioned to sharing a quick overview of the Knowing God Personally booklet (a first for Aniska!) She included personal connections and even ended by asking for Jenee’s perspective. But when they looked up, Jenee was in tears.



Winter Conference: Baltimore



### Bible Thought:

“Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed...respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

**Romans 13:7**

### Book Recommendation:

**Habits Of Grace**  
by David Mathis

### Please Pray

- Small group of 5 devoted freshmen men to develop at NYU
- 5 NYU/QC students would join us on Summer Mission this year
- God would transform Jenee's heart
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

### Praise God!

- At Winter Conference 293 students committed to go on Summer Mission (including 2 QC students!)
- 129 committed to a year of full-time ministry
- 54 trusted Christ for 1st time!!

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

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