



CI se-up On Campus

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The Missing Step



David & Ashley meet students here all the time to talk about Jesus

nonreligious household. He recounted all he'd learned about God becoming a man and dying on the cross. "I just don't know what to do with all this information, though.. I figured you might be able to answer my questions."

Where to begin, right?! David affirmed what he'd learned about Christianity; it was all true, but there was more. Merely inviting people to an ideology wasn't God's endgame, it was to a person.

David shared, "To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).'
Isa had always trusted in his own goodness, his ability, his knowledge to be right with God, but it never seemed to satisfy him (and it would never satisfy God). He'd never trusted the person God sent - who was perfectly good, right and true on our behalf - to be right with God.

"I feel like my whole life has been building up to this one moment," exclaimed NYU freshman, Isa, as David sat floored by what had just happened.

NYC Fast Fact

Times Square (named for The NY Times) was called Longacre Square in 1904

They'd met up at a nearby coffee shop to talk about the spiritual interest survey Isa filled out earlier that week. David started with some basic year/major questions, but right away Isa redirected: "What do you believe about Jesus?" Knowing there was more to his question, David answered and returned the question. As it turns out Isa had attended a Christian high school, despite coming from a

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WE MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST
"Not to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

WE RECEIVE CHRIST THROUGH FAITH
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8, 9)

WHEN WE RECEIVE CHRIST, WE EXPERIENCE A NEW BIRTH (Read John 3:1-8.)

WE RECEIVE CHRIST BY PERSONAL INVITATION
(Christ speaking) "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him." (Revelation 3:20)

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive us of our sins and to make us who He wants us to be. Just to agree intellectually that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of the will.

These two circles represent two kinds of lives:

A LIFE WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST
Self is in the center and on the throne. Christ is to be avoided.

A LIFE ENTRUSTED TO CHRIST
Christ is in the center and on the throne, and self yields to Christ.

Which circle best represents your life?
Which circle would you like to have represent your life?



While he had known about Jesus for a long time, now, he bowed his head and received Him. David had never seen someone so excited to become a Christian! David and Isa meet every Thursday at 2 now to talk about his newfound faith.

Bible Thought:

"Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit."
Proverbs 25:28

Book Recommendation:

Introverts In Church
by Adam McHugh

Please Pray

- Isa to grow in fellowship as he grows in his faith
- For 2 women's Bible studies we are planning to launch in Fr Res Halls
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

Praise God!

- Isa is a new brother in Christ!
- A record high attendance from Queens College at Fall Retreat (30+)
- Number of freshmen in the movement at NYU has doubled at least!
- 11 staff newly/nearly reported here!

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

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