

The Schneider Report

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"Walking with God"

This semester I am teaching a series at our weekly Cru meeting (Thursday nights, 8 PM) entitled, "Walking with God." At the first meeting of the semester, I focused on the reality that God is personal and that He established when and where we would be born that we might seek Him (Act 17:24-28). After the meeting, Carley, a student from China, grabbed her friend Lindsey and said she really wanted to know God. Lindsey had the joy of explaining the good news to her right there after the meeting. Carley has been coming to Cru since last semester and even went to the Passion Conference with us. It is exciting to see that God's plan for her was to bring her to USF to hear about Him!

As I followed up with students who came to our meeting, I met with Daniel who had visited Cru for the first time. Daniel, who is from Miami, was invited by his friend Joy who lives in his dorm. He came to the weekly meeting, then attended the concert (Jan Jam) our students planned for Friday night, and also came to church with us on Sunday. After church, Joy found out that he didn't own a Bible, so we made sure to get him one of the free ones we have for students on campus.

I met with Daniel on Tuesday to get to know him better and to find out more about his spiritual journey. Growing up in Miami, he didn't have any meaningful exposure to the gospel. I asked him if I could share the "Knowing God Personally" booklet with him, and he was eager to hear more. I made sure to go through it slowly because most of the gospel message was completely new to him. When I referenced 1 Corinthians 15:3-6 about Jesus rising from the dead and appearing to Peter, then to the twelve, and after that to more than 500 others, I asked him about his experience with Easter growing up. He, basically, said that when he was a child, he may have done an Easter egg hunt a few times, but that was it. As I continued to share with him, he expressed that he wanted to place his faith in Christ, and I was able to encourage and pray with him to do just that.



USF Cru students at the Atlanta Christmas Passion Conference

Atlanta Christmas Conference and Passion 2012

Over the winter break we attended our annual Atlanta Christmas Conference (ACC). For the first time ever, ACC partnered with Passion to reach young adults with a target age range of 18 to 25. 1,300 students from the South East with Cru joined the over 40,000 students who flooded the city of Atlanta to be a part of Passion Conference (hosted by Louie Giglio)!

As part of Passion, students heard from renowned Christian pastors and speakers Beth Moore, Francis Chan, John Piper, and Louie Giglio, and worshiped with Christian artists Chris Tomlin, David Crowder Band, and Hillsong United among others. They were, also, challenged to be a part of ending slavery around the world. (There are more slaves in the world today than at any other time in history). Those attending the conference gave over \$2,000,000 towards that cause. As part of Cru, our students, also, had breakout sessions where we encouraged them to consider summer missions opportunities and ways to expand the Gospel on their campuses.

Please pray with me that God will continue to use this conference to further His kingdom. Please pray that the 33 students who came from the Tampa area (29 from USF, 1 from Hillsborough Community College, and 3 from University of Tampa) would continue to experience God in ways that they never have previously because of this conference.



Freedom Sculpture made during Passion



Carley, Erica and Lindsey at the Jan Jam concert



A stadium filled with students at the Atlanta conference

2:10 in 2012

It is exciting to see how God is allowing us to be a part of the process of Him drawing students to himself. As we head into 2012, we have been asking God for specific things in our movement and on our campus. I would like to ask you to join with us in our prayers.

Our theme is "2:10 in 2012." It comes from Ephesians 2:10, which states, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." I am challenging myself and our students to "open every gift" that God has for us and to accept, and move by faith toward, every good work that He has prepared for us. We are trusting that the results of our walking by faith will be a two-fold increase in the numbers involved in our movement on campus and a 10-fold increase in the numbers of students who respond to the gospel and get involved with our movement for 2012.

Thank you so much for your partnership with us through your prayers and giving that make everything we do possible!



John cooking at the Jan Jam concert



Colton, Trey and Callie