

He Makes Everything Beautiful In It's Time....

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Quotes from our NYC Project Students

Praises:

- We saw 6 students trust Jesus this summer while in NYC. Also we had the privilege together to lead one homeless guy named Mike to Christ!
- We bought our first home! (it's the same place we've been renting for the last year! a 2 family in Albany and we even already have a tenant!)- ask us about the story... it's amazing!
- We've made it through the chaotic summer in NYC! (and even learned a bunch about God's Character through his Creation of people!)

Prayer:

- For momentum this fall with small groups as many freshman start plugging in.
- For students to be moved by the gospel- both new believers and "old" ones!
- For our physical healing! Ellen sprained her ankle (in August) but it's still not quite back to normal.

When ending the summer project, we asked students to share with us their experiences.. Here is some of what they said:

"Sometimes... I can forget how much Christ has impacted my life."

"At one point in my conversation (with a student on campus) I thought.. How did we get here? (sharing the Gospel).. This was really natural!"

"One student told me the Bible was the greatest work of fiction ever.. But he is searching because he kept wanting to talk (whenever I was on campus)! .. He's not a believer.. YET!"

"I was shocked that I was asked to share my faith!.. One student asked 'before you were a Christian, what made you want to be a Christian?'"

"Why is the Gospel for Steve?"

We both spent time with one student named Steve this summer. Steve was discipled by John (meeting one-on-one once a week) and was in Ellen's Campus group (she went with them at least 2 days a week). One day Ellen decided to ask Steve.. "why is the gospel for Steve? Why did Jesus have to die for Steve?" He pondered and gave Ellen a couple answers as to why the gospel was for others... But not for him. Ellen asked again but decided to not push but rather ask him to think about it. Later that week Ellen asked again... His answer: "I don't know. I've been thinking about this and I think I can be successful in the world and do what I want to do without the gospel, I guess!" WOW! That took some bravery to say that. Many of us wouldn't have been that real or vulnerable! We began praying for Steve. We both asked Steve to consider why he needed Jesus and asked him to invite some friends into his journey. The summer project was ending and we wanted to make sure Steve continued to process this important question! In early September I got this update from him (via Facebook):

I think near the end of project and after project I began to answer the question of why I need God in the large perspective. Honestly, I could have a very successful life (by American standards) without God ever being "involved." Having said that, I don't think I would ever be fully satisfied with it, and that is where God comes in. He is the one that will bring satisfaction, no matter where I end up...The mindset I tend to fall into is tough to describe. I see it like I'm playing a video game and trying to rack up as many "points" as I can. It's like if I do enough activities and do well enough in school I'll be satisfied. I've come to the conclusion that instead I need to prayerfully consider what it is that God wants me involved in, involve myself in it, and focus on how I can see God in those things.

Would you pray for Steve as he continues to process life and God?

By His Grace,

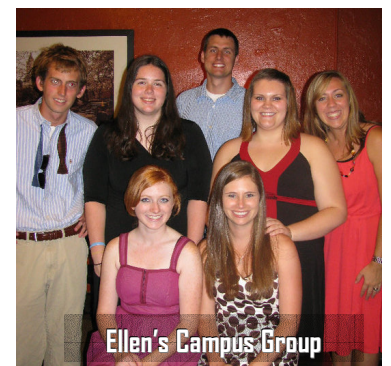
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John's Campus Group



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