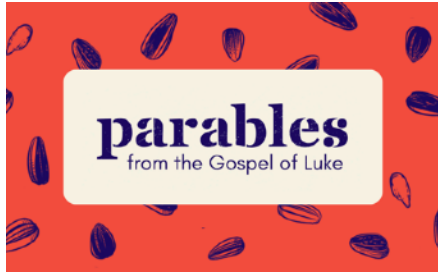


New Beginnings

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Happy Fall! I know for many this is a favorite time of the year. Campus ministry is punctuated with trips to Curtis Apple Orchard and Pumpkin Farm and visits to Hardy's Reindeer Ranch and Corn Maze at this time. Both are great memory makers and chances to invite friends to join what the church is doing.

As we approach midterms, students are settled into their academic rhythms and we're getting more prayer requests about stress and exams, as expected. Our annual Fall Retreat is a just about 2 weeks from now and comes at a great time to help these students step away from the stress and pressures of campus and focus on Jesus. We invite you to pray it goes well and is well attended.

In our last update we shared about the preaching series Nick is leading us through on Parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. These parables are largely focused on being a committed disciple of Jesus and the message is certainly striking a chord with the students we have coming around. Most weeks after service we get questions from new and

returning students who were challenged by the call to discipleship and eager to hear more.

A few weeks ago a student who is not currently a believer, asked "How bad is Hell going to be really?" We were encouraged by her straightforward question, but urged her to seek Jesus and trust in Him.

The following week, as Nick taught on discipleship, a grad student who was attending service for the first time asked, "How do I become a disciple of Jesus?" What a joy to get to answer that question and to hear a heart truly seeking to lean in and follow Jesus!

Beyond the opportunities to preach Jesus from up front, our leadership team continues to engage weekly in efforts to share the Gospel on campus. So far we've had the opportunity to present the Gospel 32 times to individuals during these times of outreach and evangelism. It's such a blessing to be working with staff and students who are eager to share Jesus with those around them. Pray for continued fruit from these efforts and from our study of Jesus teachings in Luke.

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Where We Live

Prayer Requests

- For students to balance the stressful academic life and their pursuit of Jesus.
- For Fall Retreat to be well attended and a blessing to all.
- For God to use our 7 weeks in the Gospel of Luke to boldly proclaim the truth of the Gospel.

