



“Why do you think Jesus had to die on the cross?”

Hugo paused and looked up to think about my question. It was early Friday afternoon and the campus was emptying as students left to enjoy their weekend.

After a thoughtful silence, Hugo answered, “I’ve never understood why. Nobody has ever asked me that, but I’ve always wondered why.”

We had just finished reading Romans 5:8, which says “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

“Could I share why I think Jesus had to die?” I asked. Hugo smiled and answered, “Yes.”

For the next twenty minutes, we read what the Bible says about why Jesus had to die. I showed Hugo that Jesus died in our place to pay the penalty for our sins. I explained that Jesus also rose from the dead so that we could know God and experience His love and plan for our lives.

Even though he believed that Jesus is God, Hugo understood for the first time why Christ died on the cross. In response to this news, surrounded by the quiet conversations of nearby students in the union, Hugo prayed with me to commit his life to following Jesus Christ.

Hugo is a freshman at UT - San Antonio. He first heard about Destino on social media. In late September he came to one of our weekly meetings searching for a community on campus. At the end of that meeting, he wanted to get more involved and learn about how he could have a personal relationship with God. Hugo and I met a day later to have the above conversation.

Since that Friday, Hugo and I have continued to meet almost every week to talk about following Jesus. He continues to come to our weekly meetings and is now in a Bible Study with other students that meets on campus. He even came to our fall retreat earlier this month!

Recently, after being asked about Destino, Hugo gave another smile and reservedly but sincerely said, “I just really enjoy following Jesus.”

Thank you so much for your partnership. You’re making a difference in the lives of college students like Hugo.

In Christ,

Caleb + Laura

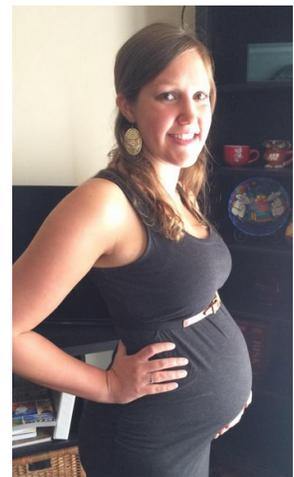


Banner: Destino Fall Retreat

Side: Carlos, Caleb, Hugo, Jeremiah

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Hugo.
- Praise God that so far this fall, 19 students have put their faith in Christ.
- At 30 weeks, Laura and the baby are doing (and looking) great! Please keep praying for a healthy and smooth pregnancy throughout this last trimester.



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