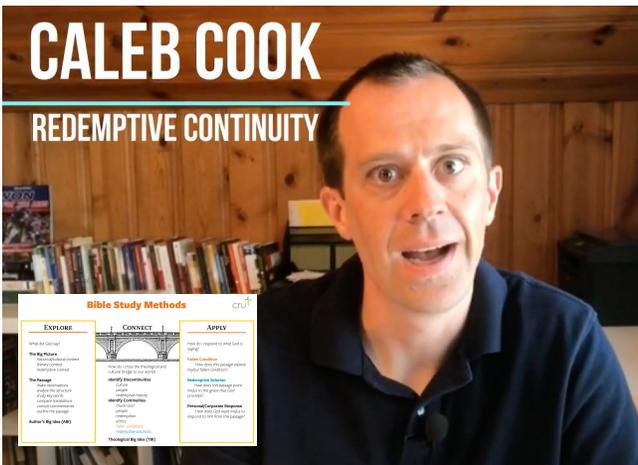


All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

Ephesians 1:3



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For ten exhilarating days, over one-hundred and fifty new missionary staff with Cru gathered online to invest in their understanding of God's Word. As we were immersed in learning tools to dive deeply into the Bible together, Laura and I could not help but dream of all that God might do through these women and men getting ready to be sent out all over the world to point others to Christ.

From this group, God had called some to help high school and college students know Jesus. Others were on their way to partner with urban churches to meet physical and spiritual needs. Even others had been called to help express the kindness of Jesus through humanitarian aid. In just our small group of seven, people were going out to minister to others in three different international locations!

Caleb served as both a lecturer (see photo) and a coaching group facilitator for this Bible Study Methods class that met from January 11th-25th. Hosted by Cru's Institute of Biblical Studies, the class is a key component of Cru's commitment to train the people God has called to serve in his mission.

The Word of God informs all we do in Cru. In light of that, this class helps equip life-long followers of Jesus who are growing ever deeper in their ability to understand and apply God's Word to their own lives and to the lives of those to whom they are called to serve. We introduced people to a method of studying the Bible that is simple, repeatable, and transferable. But more than teaching a process, the goal of the class is that people would fall more in love with the God whose Word they are reading.

In Christ, we believe people are invited into an ongoing, dynamic, intimate relationship with God. Part of the good news of the Bible is that God has come close to us in Jesus. He has removed all the barriers to knowing God and remaining in his presence. Because Cru is a community passionate about connecting people to Jesus, a high value is placed on developing leaders who lead out of rich experience of the gospel. In light of that, we hope the process and tools that were taught in Bible Study Methods would be a means for people to walk in close fellowship with the Living God.

Your partnership enables us to continue this work of training and equipping life-long followers of Jesus and send out missionaries all over the world to reach people for Christ. We are reminded each day what a privilege it is to do this work and how you, our ministry partners, make it possible. Thank you for your partnership in ministry with us.

Caleb & Laura

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for those who participated in Bible Study Methods as they prepare to return to their ministry assignments.

Please pray for Winter Conference coming up Feb 5-6! Winter Conference is a gathering of colleges students experiencing Jesus, growing together in our faith, and discovering our place in the mission of God. This year, it will be hosted on a digital platform. Please pray with us and for us as we attend this incredible event.

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