

Again Jesus said,
"Peace be with you!
As the Father has
sent me, I am
sending you."

John 20:21



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On any given Friday afternoon this October, you can be sure that somewhere across the Upper Midwest and beyond, Cru students, finished with classes for the week, were piling into cars and vans, and following GPS directions to a retreat destination. Throughout this past month, Cru hosted several fall retreats in places across the Midwest. For many, this weekend sets the trajectory for growing in Christ during college.

Imagine, for a second, you are a freshman college student. A few weeks into the semester, you find yourself at retreat site playing games with new friends, singing worship songs, and listening to Bible messages. Cru fall retreats help guide students onto a path of discovery, connection, and growth that can have a big influence on their college years and beyond. Many students take steps closer to Jesus as a result of these gatherings.

At just one retreat in northern Wisconsin, eight students decided to trust Christ and follow Jesus. One person said the highlight of the weekend was "being seen and known, by God and in community." Another said that even though he is not yet ready to follow Christ, he understood how to put his faith in Christ for the first time. Another person left the retreat with a plan to share her faith with her dad for the first time.

This fall, we have seen students at many colleges and universities flocking to Cru activities as in-person events resume. In Milwaukee for example, a Brewers game welcome event attracted 140 people. Small group Bible studies began popping up throughout the city — many of them student-led. Weekly meetings have been teeming with student life and energy.

God is at work through college students who are building relationships and telling other colleges students the good news about Jesus. Thank you for your gracious partnership in this ministry with us.

With love in Christ,

Caleb + Laura



We celebrated Evelyn's second birthday earlier this month. We Can't believe our baby is already TWO!

Prayer Requests:

Please join us in asking God for continued transformation as a result of these fall retreats.

Please pray for the ministry back on campus after these retreats, that people would continue to grow in their relationships with God and others as they prepare to follow Jesus wherever he might call them.

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