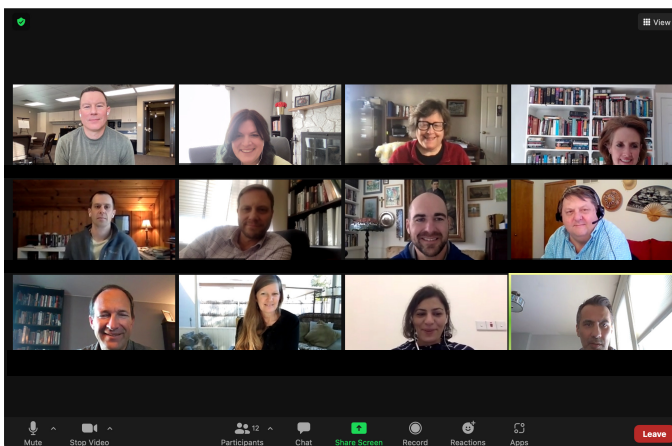


How sweet are  
your words to my  
taste, sweeter  
than honey to my  
mouth!

Psalms 119:103



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## Equipping Missionary Staff

I asked the group if they would share some of the things they learned during the last few weeks. Enthusiastically, one person responded, “To be honest I loved the WHOLE process... and I loved all the practice. All that I have learned during this class has been so pivotal in my life. I learned that I can actually do this. I have tools that can help me get to know Jesus on a whole new level.”

From January 18th to February 1st, Caleb served as a Bible Study Methods coach. This class is offered to all new staff who join with Cru (due to the pandemic, this year it was offered virtually). For two weeks, people are introduced to classic principles of biblical interpretation, learn various tools and skills to study the Bible, and then are given the chance to turn theory into practice by applying these resources to studying the book of Ephesians.

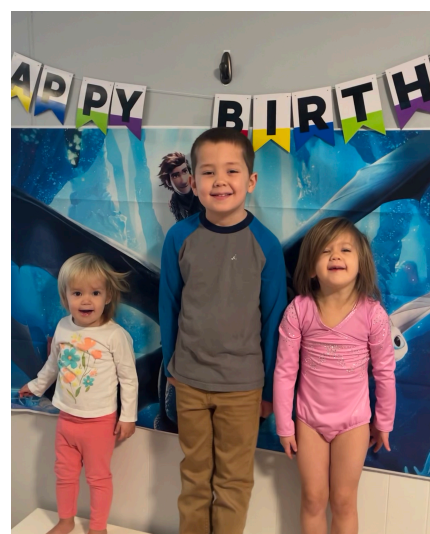
In Cru, we believe the Word is vital to a growing relationship with God. We also believe God’s Word is vital to the ministry to which God has called us. This same person went on to share, “I want to continue to practice studying the Bible for myself so then I can take those next steps to really teach those who I serve to do the same. Because of how impactful this has been to me, I want to share the wealth with others.”

Whether we are sharing the life-changing message of the good news about Jesus or helping ground women and men in the truth of God’s Word, the Bible informs everything we do in ministry. Please pray with us that God uses this class to continue to equip these new missionary staff in their ability to understand and apply God’s Word to their own lives and the lives of those whom they will serve in ministry.

## Winter Conference

From December 28th to January 1st, over 600 students gathered in Minneapolis from Missouri to Wisconsin for Winter Conference! Due to the pandemic, we were given an exemption from attending in person. We were, however, able to keep up online.

Thank you for your prayers for this conference and the students and staff who are attended (whether in person or virtually). Time and again, Winter Conference is one place where we have seen people grasp a greater vision for how their lives fit within the story and mission of God. Please continue to pray for these staff and students as they return to classes and ministry on campus.



Between Winter Conference and Bible Study Methods, we celebrated James’s 7th birthday on January 15th!

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