

# IMAGINE!

Thank you for teaming with us in reaching students for Jesus.

## Good Doctrine Composes Great Devotion



**JERSEY METRO STUDENTS AND STAFF EXCITED TO TALK AND WALK THE GOSPEL AT DAYTONA BEACH, FL**

"As long as you believe in Jesus, it really doesn't matter whether he really died and resurrected," a friend thought aloud, "I mean, too many Christians divide over these things."

Fortunately, Jesus renounced life itself for our sins and then trounced death itself for our salvation. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins," the apostle Paul reasoned. Foggy doctrinal statements like the one above, based in misunderstandings of scripture, can produce all types of unloving, unclear and unbiblical attitudes, beliefs and lifestyles (as with the recent universalist punch by one trendy Rob Bell).

For example, if parents teach a child that God breaks promises or is cruel, that child may believe Jesus won't forgive his sins or can't bring him through suffering. This ungodly belief will permeate his attitudes, which in turn may procreate other ungodly beliefs. Entire unbiblical sermons are then spewed at sheep and goats because of unclear doctrine.

Teaching solid, clear doctrine composes an organic lifestyle of devotion to Jesus. For example, if someone believes the pure gospel—that although we don't deserve it, by faith alone in Christ alone, God no longer counts our sins against us—that doctrinally sound belief will compel him to humbly share this great news with others, as the apostle Paul did throughout his whole known world, as we should also.

Also, if someone knows God is sovereign in even accounting for every head hair, and that he works good things out according to his ultimate redemptive plan, uncontrollable circumstances aren't so out of control anymore. Jesus teaches worshipping with all our minds and worshipping with all our hearts *come together* to produce pure, loving fellowship with God and others.

Only by the power of the Holy Spirit, students and staff recently engaged in much enjoyable outreach driven by clear Biblical convictions.

At Montclair State University, Jason and Kay Dominguez, a part-time and affiliate staff couple, taught on the supremacy of our relationship with Jesus because, "among college-age believers there is an absolute epidemic of putting boyfriends and girlfriends before a close walk with the Lord," they said. After surging forth solid Biblical truth, the Dominguez's moved to sharing practical tips, all of which incited several students to come up for prayer and advice.

After Jersey Metro's usual spring break missions trip, Big Break, to Panama City Beach, Florida, was over-registered with an abundance of gospel-understanding students, the Jersey Metro staff team quickly organized a trip from March 11-20 to Daytona Beach, Florida, for Jersey students, where missionaries had over 469 spiritual conversations, 309 surveys and 233 gospel presentations with non-Christians. 41 non-Christians made decisions in favor of the grace of Jesus and prayed to receive him. There were also 32 Holy Spirit conversations with lapsed believers, out of which 16 people rededicated their lives to Jesus. (Big Break 2011 [www.big-break.com] ends March 26, and we'll share more about it in our April prayer report.)

We, Jenn and Joey, had an excellent conversation with two atheists while on a support appointment! While sharing a tool of evangelism called Perspectives (with which you get an idea of the interviewee's perspectives on God, human nature, meaning of life, etc.) with a Christian friend at the Barnes and Nobles in Clifton, an old non-Christian friend from college passed by, said hello and joined in the conversation with his ex-girlfriend! After about an hour or so of purely listening to their beliefs, Barnes and Nobles kicked us out, but we gently asked if we could meet again, so we could share our perspectives. They agreed! We're sending them copies of Tim Keller's *The Reason for God* in hopes to enliven the discussion. We've also asked them to tell us what atheist books they'd recommend. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would clearly renew their minds and change their hearts!

Thinking about good doctrine is not dull intellectualism but a means to loving God, as are song and dance. Clear teaching on life's most important Book will produce fruit in people and compel them to action. There can be no fruit without the sun and the rain.

Warmly,  
Joey and Jenn Sforza :)

## MARCH 2011 PrAYer PoiNTs

-That the Lord would confirm our baby boy's name for us :)

-That students wouldn't be swayed by false winds of doctrine

-That our coming conversation with our two atheist friends would be civil, Spirit-led and Christ-ending

-That our summer mission trips would be loaded with passionate laborers

-That spring break missionaries would continue the work in their hearts and lives, and those who received Christ would know Christ

-That full support would come quickly

## R.S.V.P.

Come join Jersey Metro in its twelfth annual **Fellowship Dinner**, where we'll communicate the exciting things Jesus has been doing in New Jersey!

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2011

Time: 5:30 reception and 6:00 dinner

Place: Crowne Plaza. 2055 Lincoln Hwy. (Rt. 27) Edison, N.J. 08817

PLEASE CALL **MARK SCOTT** TO RSVP:  
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