

March in Review



**March 6:  
Virginia Tech Spring Break**

We are so thankful for the beginning of March because that means that warm weather is on the way and longer sunlight allows for what we call “Organized Chaos” which is just an enjoyable time of hanging out and most of the time playing soccer or football. March 6 was the first Sunday of Spring break for Virginia Tech. We thankfully have five different leaders who are in college, so this night we were missing leaders and we opted into having a fun relaxing night of fellowship and short bible study. We did large group discussion rather than having small groups. We watched a Sermon Jam from John Piper on how we are loved more than we could imagine. After watching the video, our large group discussion focused on God’s love for us even in our mess.

**March 13:  
How are Christians Different? Answering Cultural Questions from a Christian  
Worldview: Alex Kacere**

This week we got to have a great night of trying to figure out how Christians and Atheists/Agnostics differ in answering life’s hardest questions and then how Christians can effectively reach atheistic/agnostic people groups. Blacksburg is a really cool place where we get to befriend people with different experiences and many different worldview’s as well. Some of our students have talked about wanting to reaching some of the people they know who would identify in the camp of Saul before his transformation into Paul as the “insolent opponent” of Jesus Christ. To figure out how to effectively reach these people, we discussed a five point guide.

**1. Sanctify Jesus in your heart as Lord.**

This is the most important step in a Christian lifestyle when it comes to combatting those things that are against Christ. As we read through 1 Peter 3:15, “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” Peter gives us a charge to grow Jesus in our heart as Lord before we can have any type of reason for the hope that we have.

**2. Identify with Jesus.**

Point two is a relatively easy step to understand but for some odd reason is much harder to actually live out. Simply put, we want to publicly identify with Jesus rather than identifying with church, youth group, small group, or any other thing that is not

itself Jesus. The reason that we want to identify with Jesus is so that we are standing ground while still showing respect to other belief systems.

### **3. Their Story, Your Story, His Story.**

As Christians we must have a good tactics to show that we care about the people around us and throughout history, one thing that all humans have in common is that we all have a story how we got where we are now. Point three is a tactic to relate to unbelievers by showing that we care about their personal life. The idea to ask someone what their story is so that they feel comfortable with you as a person and so that they may ask about your story. If you get the opportunity to share your story then you will be able to relate to His (Jesus) story. This is a very effective way to share your faith with atheist/agnostic people by showing a loving invitation to hear about Jesus.

### **4. Seek Truth, Show Grace**

I love this point as it seems like a really hard thing to do in human flesh. The idea is to seek truth in all that we do and speak about, but at the same time showing the grace that God gave us to those who do not believe. We talked about the importance of the truth of any situation and the importance of seeking that truth with all that we have. Showing grace is equally important in sharing with non believers as it is another way to have a soft heart toward the non believer. It is also a great way to try to show the love that Christ has shown you toward the non believer.

### **5. Pray**

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "Pray without ceasing." In all that we do, our conversation with God should be present. If we want to share Jesus with friends, family, and peers, we must be praying for those people. We have to pray for God to open their eyes through our willingness to share the truth of Jesus. If we have a consistent prayer life, God begins to show us things that we have never thought of before.

As we finished the night, we importantly discussed how Jesus Christ is the truth that we seek as he says in John 14:6. The only thing that can save a person is Jesus Christ and most importantly for that conversion, that person must be told about the doctrinally true untampered version of Jesus.

### **March 20:**

#### **Rise Up: Drew Dellinger**

March 20, I Alex was out with shoulder surgery and Joe Holman and Drew Dellinger took over for the night. Drew did an intro into a new series that we want to do before the summer hits. Drew talked about rising up as a leader in the Lord. Throughout the series we are going to talk about the different ways that we can be a leader for Jesus,

which includes being an upfront leader, behind the scenes leader, a quiet leader, an enthusiastic leader, and everything in between.

March 27:

**Easter Sunday**