



The group at the New York City Fall Retreat

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Dear Friends,

Do you like road trips? I'm glad I do. Over the past few weeks I traveled to 3 fall retreats. What a joy to see students coming together to grow deeper in their faith and to build relationships with other Christians! I still remember my first retreat as a freshman; I was so encouraged to "meet other college students who love God like I do."

The fall retreat is an important building block. Since August the emphasis has been very outward, seeking to meet many new students. The retreat provides the time and space for the new students and the returning to draw together in community seeking the Lord together, have fun, and go beyond the surface with each other. It's also a chance for them to see more about who we are as Cru and our heart to be used of God to help others know Him.

For me, it was an opportunity to meet the Cru New York staff I hadn't met before as well as to connect with a few students. Across all the retreats combined we had 350-400 students.



Students shared about their experiences on summer mission last summer. Isha, the woman on the right, went to Miami, FL. She prayed specifically God would use her background as a Hindu in someone's life. She had an amazing conversation with a student, who at the age of 4 had decided to become an atheist because he didn't like the Hindu gods. He wasn't ready to become a Christian at the end of the conversation, but he certainly is a lot closer. Praise the Lord.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for the new believers to be well grounded in their faith.
- Please pray God calls people to come serve with Cru in New York.
- Please pray with all the travel that I stay healthy and that I can find ways to keep up with my various exercises.
- Please pray for wisdom, that I abide in Christ, and that God would bear fruit through us for His glory.

Thanks for being in it with me with your prayers and financial support. God is still working drawing college students to Himself. It's a privilege to have a part in that.

Because of God's love,



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