

Changed Lives from Winter Conference

“I’ve never been so empowered in my life to chase after the Father’s heart and dedicate my whole heart to His cause!” - Cameron, Junior

Dallas was one of five cities that hosted a total of 3,397 students for Winter Conferences this year. Winter Conferences are a special time focused on equipping students, wherever they are on their spiritual journey, to grow closer to Jesus. They help students learn and apply more of God’s word to their lives. They are a place where every student is challenged to take their next step in making an impact for God’s Kingdom.

Students were trained how to share the good news of Christ at each conference. They were sent out to take steps of faith and initiate spiritual conversations in Dallas, and then back on campus this January. As a result, 38 people who heard the gospel indicated decisions for Jesus, so far!



While each student experienced Jesus in a personal and unique way, here are a few of the things they shared from the week:

“This was an amazing way to learn more about the heart

of Jesus and draw closer to the unconditional love He has waiting for us! It’s also a great way to find opportunities to take leaps of faith to respond to God’s call to ‘Go!’” - Taylor, senior

“I came into the conference with a heavy heart, feeling attacked spiritually, and downcast. I left feeling uplifted, encouraged, excited for the future, and with a renewed sense of His love and faithfulness!” - Keri, junior

“I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.” - Gerrit, sophomore

Here is another story of how God has worked through the conferences. Faith, a Southern Methodist University (SMU) student, attended the Dallas Winter Conference a year ago. During the conference, Faith met Cru missionaries who serve with Epic, Cru’s Asian American Ministry, and students involved with Epic on their campuses. She returned to SMU thinking, “I know lots of Asian students. I can do Epic at SMU.”

Faith started with a few students, all non-believers, talking about the gospel over bagels. As students got involved, she said, "Wouldn't it be great if someone became a Christian through this?"

The photo to the right pictures Faith with Maggie, her friend at SMU. Maggie joined Faith's Epic small group to find community. Later at an Epic Fall Retreat, Maggie surrendered her life to Jesus Christ and became the first Christian in her family! Maggie attended this year's Dallas Winter Conference with Faith and others from SMU in order to grow closer to Jesus.



Please pray for the Epic Ministry at SMU and many other colleges around the country. Pray that many Asian American students would learn about and understand the salvation and love that Jesus offers them.

We rejoice for the awesome ways God is at work in students' lives. He is changing hearts and raising up lifelong laborers for the Kingdom of God. Thank you so much for your partnership, your prayers, and your generosity that enable us to send some of these students as missionaries around the world with Cru!

*With love in Jesus,
Steve & Rochelle*