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Summer Youth Workshop Recap

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I thank God for His overflowing grace and perfect love, the most powerful motivators in the world. This past month of June was spent sharing the gospel and making disciples through teaching Romans 1-8 to youth across the nation. Bret Nazworth, Alex Musser, Colton Hughes, Jay Nazworth and I had the privilege of experiencing Matthew 28:18-20 in action. Even though we were going to the conferences to teach others, I was probably the one who learned the most. I saw firsthand how God is the one behind the scenes orchestrating everything for good in all situations. Let me share with you a quick recap of each conference.

Fort Collins, Colorado:

Even though this was our smallest conference, it was super special. Observing the younger kids (ages 9-12) sit for 8 hours a day taking notes and soaking up the truth of God's Word was so amazing. At the beginning of the week, one of the teenagers wasn't even sure God existed, but through understanding the gospel, he got saved. Now he wants to take the material and share it with others in his hometown, so we are praying about doing a workshop there next summer. Even from this less-attended conference we saw the message of disciple making instilled in young people who desire to teach others the Word of God.

Dallas, Texas:

Amazingly, over 60 people attended the conference in Dallas. Most who attended would not have traded this time for anything in the world. There were tears of joy, sessions of understanding, times of laughter and encouraging fellowship. God used all the presenters in a dynamic way. Some of the youth understood the truth of justification and firmly placed their faith in Christ alone for deliverance from the penalty of sin. The truth of sanctification (deliverance from the power of sin) from Romans 6, 7, and 8 also really hit home for everyone. One thing really special about this conference was the nightly prayer meetings. Each night a big group of us set aside visiting and playing games to meet in one of the hotel rooms for prayer. We went around the room thanking God and praying for wisdom, understanding and application.



Colorado Group

Inwood, West Virginia:

West Virginia was a great conference. People came all the way from Pennsylvania and Canada to attend. God used this conference in a dramatic way. A number of kids who came with false beliefs understood the truth, as revealed through the Word of God, for the first time. The post-conference surveys showed a clear grasp of the gospel and eternal security. One of the individuals who attended this conference caught the vision of disciple making and wants us to go to his church in Virginia next year.

Newnan, Georgia:

The conference in Georgia was incredible. The youth at the church came ready to hear and receive. The level of receptiveness was unmatched, and it was a true blessing to teach God's Word this last week. The majority of those who attended the conference were already saved, but gaining a better understanding of sanctification truths and seeing their peers teach increased their love for the Word of God. Nobody wanted to leave this conference, and all were very enthusiastic about next year. Furthermore, many individuals who attended were personally inspired to go make disciples and share what they learned with others.

There is a prevalent idea today that modern young people cannot learn or are not interested in soaking up truths from God's Word. Through firsthand experience, I have seen that myth shattered time and time again. God's Word changes lives.

Isaiah 55:11 says, *"For just as rain and snow fall from heaven and do not return without watering the earth, making it bud and sprout, and providing seed to sow and food to eat, so My word that proceeds from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please, and it will prosper where I send it."*

It shouldn't surprise us that God's Word accomplishes its purposes. The month of June strengthened my belief that disciple making is more important than ever. The gospel of grace is a message that saves and transforms lives from the inside out. That is something religion cannot accomplish; only God, through His amazing grace, can do this.

Please be in prayer for upcoming events for youth. Using an online format, a group of 18 faithful young people from all four conferences recently embarked on a DM2 study of 1 Corinthians. Pray disciple making continues and the



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passion and zeal for the Word stays strong among everyone in this study. Furthermore, pray for opportunities to disciple others in one-on-one formats at college and other places. Also, pray for the upcoming Revelation conference happening January 1-6, 2019 at First Baptist Church in Combes, Texas. Pray that many people can attend and be touched by the words of this amazing book.



Alex Musser teaching

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please keep all these workshops in your prayers. Also, we need prayer for translation of materials into French, Telugu and Swahili and for possible workshops in Fiji, India and Uganda.

Pray for the following workshops:

- **August 23-26** Cordelle, GA – Colossians workshop
- **October 18-27** Kasama, Zambia – Romans 1-8
- October Myanmar – 1 Timothy
- **October 18-29** Careysburg, Liberia – Bible Study Methods
- **January 1-6** Combes, TX – Revelation 1-11 youth workshop