

# KEEPING IT SIMPLE

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## This week and next . .

John spoke and is speaking to a middle school group which is part of the Cru High School outreach here in Indianapolis. Having worked with teenagers throughout most of our ministry tenure, this was a very familiar experience. But as a grandfather now, one's perspective is a bit different.

You might ask, "Wow, how do you make the transition from reaching out to university professors to speaking to these children?" The answer: By keeping it simple. There is such a temptation to become clever and try to impress an audience. But in 1 Corinthians 1, the Apostle Paul maintains that God uses the folly of the world to shame the wise, "*For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*" (vs. 25)

In sharing with these young people, John related the story of Leah, the first wife of Jacob. Unloved and disappointed, Leah nevertheless turned to God as evidenced by the



John speaking to a middle school group

names she gave to her children. And in the course of time, Leah became great-grandmother to Jesus! Another example in which God used the weak or less favored individual to bring blessings - very good news to middle school students - and to all of us!

Thank you for your partnership that allows to to carry this message to the campus!

*Jenny & John*



It is cold here - colder than we'd like. Having moved most recently from Florida, we'd like to think we've adapted.



COVID CAUTIONS - following the Cru Winter Conferences, many of our staff and students have come down with the virus. New measures are being observed on the campus including lecturing with masks!

## Prayer & Praises:

- The end of year giving to our ministry support was very encouraging. We are so grateful to the Lord and to all our generous friends!
- Saturday, January 22 we are going to try to have a "watch party" of an online version of [A Common Call](#), our conference for professors. Please ask God to bless those faculty friends who join us.
- Join us in thanking God for all His goodness given to us through friends like you.



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