



The spring semester starts this week. It has started off with John helping to present an online class in Biblical interpretation. Cru provides ongoing theological equipping for our field staff. So, John is guiding seven of our field staff through exercises to help them grow in their skill in reading and teaching the Bible. These men and women work directly on campus and in the community and are touching hundreds of lives.

One of the sample passages is Mark 4:35–41 in which we see Jesus calming a storm and rescuing his disciples. This event and the several that follow demonstrate that Jesus is not merely a religious teacher. And He is more than a carpenter. He is Lord of the Storm and King of Creation. This reality is in sharp contrast to how Jesus is viewed on the college campus. Sadly religion and religious matters are viewed as trivial. Most often we hear from unbelieving faculty, “It’s fine for you to believe that, just don’t push it on others.” Many believing professors feel intimidated by this attitude.

Mark does not allow his reader to settle with trivialities. Jesus is presented as God, with full authority over every living being. The One who calmed the storm is the same One who watches over us while we’re sleeping. The One who said, “Peace, be still!” to the wind and waves, is the same One who calms our hearts as we await a diagnosis.

We count it to be a very great privilege to know this One personally. Even more, it is a privilege to take the message of God’s love and forgiveness to the campus. Thank you for helping to make that possible.

Professors are people too

At the **Cru Winter Conference in Indianapolis** over Christmas break more than 1400 students and staff leaders gathered to worship, grow in and share their faith. As part of that experience, we offered a breakout seminar for students to hear from Christian faculty. The campuses represented were Ball State, Butler, IU-Indianapolis, IU-Med and Purdue-Indianapolis. Each of these professors is a serious Christian and eager to encourage students in their faith. And what an encouragement it was for them to see a thousand students worshipping (pictured above) in the hotel ballroom!

