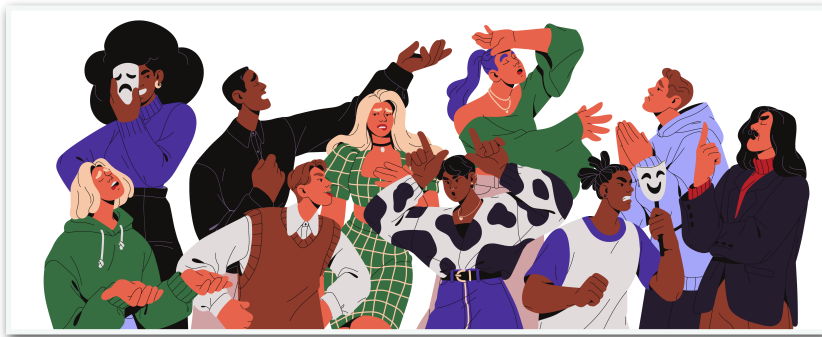


A BRILLIANT CAST OF CHARACTERS



One of the great things about serving as an instructor with Cru's summer theological institute is the chance to work with some wonderful field staff. This past month we engaged with some of the brightest, most earnest young Christ-followers. Each of them

has earned a college degree, found their funding for full-time missionary work and spent months to years on campus or in the community preaching the gospel. Let us tell you about a few of them.

Britt is from South Georgia and his accent definitely gives him away. He feels that his long term calling is to work with Haitian refugees and he has spent the last four years on campus reaching young men for Christ. His message on Jesus calming the storm from Mark 4 will be especially useful for challenging college students to enter the mission field where they can face hard things with God's help.

Chelsey has served for the last several years with UNTO, Cru's humanitarian relief ministry. Fluent in Spanish and having grown up in inner city Detroit, Chelsey has seen hard things in this life. Now a 30 something, single gal, she has the courage, character and experience to enter into tough and tragic situations to carry the love of Jesus.

Jason was barely able to finish the first of our two classes this summer due to the needs of his family. As a long term staff member, he serves in Cru's headquarters helping to manage the ministry's web presence. His paper on 2 Samuel 9 was especially poignant and insightful. His oldest son, one of 4 and now 24, has Down's Syndrome and has been challenging to raise. I want to quote one of his conclusions in reference to, Mephibosheth, one of the main characters in the passage, who was lame:

Rather than shun the blind and lame, we have an opportunity to worship Jesus himself through our actions and attitudes towards these brothers and sisters who possess so much more dignity than they experience in their daily lives. Royalty lives among us – broken, hurting, unprivileged people who will be elevated to positions of honor and status in heaven far above our own.

We count it such a privilege to serve these excellent people. They, like all of us, have been sent as witnesses to the grace of God in their lives. As image bearers and redeemed sinners we carry the good news of God's love and forgiveness wherever we go. Thank you for giving us the privilege to carry this message to the campus. We appreciate you.