



What I did on my summer vacation



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Since we would be away from home, it seemed important to let our neighbors know we would be spending a month in Florida this summer. Even though we shared that it was for a work assignment, our friends were kind enough to express their best wishes for a safe trip and that we should have a nice vacation.



But for the past four weeks, we've been serving as coaches or instructors for a couple of classes our Cru staff take to help them in their field ministry. Jenny acted as a coach for Bible Study Methods, a class that our new workers take as part of their onboarding. They are oriented to a simple yet important method for reading and teaching God's Word. John coaches two classes, Biblical Interpretation and Biblical Communication.

Students write a paper summarizing their findings from a narrative passage. They then prepare and deliver a message, suitable for use back on campus. In the process, they gain skills in handling a Bible text and in public speaking.

The really fun part of this assignment is the chance to work with some great people. These students are mostly college graduates, have raised their own support, and have committed themselves to working full time to take the Christian message to the campus and community. They are zealous and hardworking, compassionate and caring. They engage with today's young people on a daily basis to help them navigate the tumultuous world of the public university, which is in such a state of flux.



This assignment is challenging for us as well. Many of our students are wounded, having suffered illness, disappointment, financial stress, and relational conflict in the past year. Some are married, some are not. Some have children and some wish they could. Having a chance to lead them in learning how to open up the Word of God is a wonderful privilege. We learn so much and count ourselves blessed to engage in this process.

Thank you for the part you have in enabling us to give of ourselves in this way. Faculty and students are hearing the message of God's love and forgiveness because of your faithful partnership. We appreciate you!

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