



In the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus describes participating in the Kingdom to be like finding a **treasure in a field**. Since it is so precious, it only makes sense to pull together all the resources we possess to purchase the field and gain access to the hidden treasure. Jesus is this treasure and embracing the gospel of Christ is costly. Perhaps it is not costly in terms of time or money, but rather in terms of pride and self-sufficiency.

This past month we have had the privilege of seeing young people embrace this treasure in a wonderful way. Our student ministry staff and leaders have inaugurated a city-wide gathering for worship with a gospel message. It is thrilling to see students who know Jesus and want to make Him known. Many of these same students have also started meeting on Friday afternoons to share their faith on their campus.



Students gather for prayer before engaging others in gospel conversations.

Besides reaching out to faculty, we've seen faculty sharing their faith with students. A Butler chemistry professor who is a believer spoke at the weekly meeting at the invitation of some of her students involved with Cru. Doors have been opened to us to help reach middle school students as well in cooperation with Cru High School. John spoke to about 80 students on how to be sure you have eternal life. The next week, Brooke, one of our staff women spoke on repentance. The kids have been very attentive and seem to appreciate the messages. These meetings have been made possible with the cooperation of parents and teachers.

Jesus Himself is that pearl of great value (Matt.13:45). We are grateful to you for helping make it possible for us to declare this truth to students, both middle school and college, as well as faculty. Thank you for your part in helping to fulfill the Great Commission here in the US and around the world.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Matthew 13:44.

Prayers & Praises

1. Praise God for open doors for the gospel. Several small group studies with faculty have gotten started - most notably at UIndy.
2. Praise God for His provision for a brief vacation to Williamsburg, VA with some dear, dear friends.
3. Please pray for our funding. We're entering a season of focused work as we prepare for the next year of ministry. Ask God to give us many new partners.

