



LIFELINE



SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Hey Ministry Family!

September has been a blast and a half and so I want to take a moment to share some stories with you about what God's been doing!

We began the month of September by hosting a LifeLine Welcome Week that we called Homecoming, to invite students into our campus church family. The first night we did a Welcome and Intro to LifeLine on Instagram Live, followed by a hangout on a new platform we're using called Gather. The next night we did an online Games Night on Gather, and then the last night we did an in-person Picnic at Riverdale Park

overlooking the downtown Toronto Skyline. It was so nice to be able to connect with students face-to-face after not being able to do so for so long.

I kicked off our Fall Weekly teachings with a message on Psalm 40 and what it means to wait on the Lord, as well as what Waiting on Him leads to in our lives. The following week I talked about the explosive message of equality before the cross in Paul's letter to Philemon.

In our Living Room Bible Studies this Fall, we've begun a series called "Uncovering Jesus" delving into the book of Matthew. We're doing this on Gather as well, and it's



been going great and new students are connecting with us to study God's Word! The purpose of this study series is to help students remove, and chisel away at the misconceptions and lies that society has about who Jesus is. Revealing the lies and uncovering the truth will help them better understand the heart and character of God which will enable them to get closer to Him.

One of the most exciting things this month has been getting to baptize one of our International Students! She grew up in the Caribbean in a Christian religious home, but didn't live her faith out fully by her own admission. In the summer she asked us if we would baptize her and so we took the time to walk through what baptism is all about until it became possible for us to do so within Covid. In talking with her, she said "I've been wanting to get baptized for a long time, and now I feel like it's time".

The picture on the first page is of Jazelle and I with this student, after baptizing her in Lake Ontario at Woodbine Beach in Toronto. This moment with her was so powerful as it symbolized her taking the next huge step in her faith, flowing out of her love for Jesus. As the t-shirt we're wearing in the picture says, she is "Brand New" because we serve a God who is "Making All Things New". As a gift we gave her a NIV bible, and she told us how excited she was this because she'd grown up only

ever reading the King James Version of the bible which she said she'd really struggled to understand. Our heart is so full as we think about this profound moment of getting to baptize a Prodigal daughter!

We also began a new Life Group for our Alumni, which has been absolutely incredible. At our first meeting with them, the Spirit of God was so evident and they began opening up about some of the struggles they've been having. A few of them expressed struggling with feeling empty and unsettled in their jobs. The wild thing, is that this is exactly what the book we're going through them is about! And so a few of them noted how strongly and clearly God has been speaking to them through the book and the discussion in our group. God is breathing new life to them, and we're so excited to help that happen!

Please pray for the student who we've just had the privilege of baptizing; that God would give her the strength to continue to pursue maturity in her faith and discipleship to Jesus. Please pray that God will help us continue to build deep relationships with the new students He's given us this year, that we might be able to disciple them in deeper ways.

We want to thank you so much for your continued support for LifeLine because we truly could not do any of this without you. You're giving and prayer are enabling us to make Christ known and disciple students to live a life of self-sacrificial love for the least, the last and the lost. Thank you for sowing into Ryerson, because what you're giving will impact not just this campus and the lives of it's students, but really the world!

Blessed to Call You Partner,

David + Krysten Burke

