



LIFELINE



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER UPDATE

Hey Ministry Family!

I want to take a moment to share some stories about what God's been up to these last two months through LifeLine at Ryerson.

In October we continued our Living Room bible study series (in our Digital Living Room on Gather, as pictured on the second page) called "Uncovering Jesus". And in this series we've been delving deep into the gospel according to Matthew. We've been in the Sermon on the Mount for the better part of these last two months because Jesus packs a lot into a few pages.

The international student we got to baptize just told me that she feels like she's growing leaps and bounds in her faith. She talked about how she uses the bible we gave her at her baptism and the prayer journal we'd given her before to connect with God in the morning and evening. She talked about how she feels more at peace and less anxious, and is noticing a big difference in her bond with God. This makes our hearts leap for joy, watching her fall more and more in love with Jesus!

We got to do Tough Question Tuesday in two parts over two weeks with lots of deep and difficult questions. Students asked wide open questions like "Who is God?" and



they also asked really specific questions like “Are generational curses biblical?”. We had questions on marriage and sex before marriage and things like that as well. We even had a question on the Dead Sea Scrolls, which was a blast to dig into with them!

We got to do a Halloween outreach event through Red Frogs that was a great opportunity to connect with students who we don't already have relationships with. All of the students we connected with at that event were students from countries other than Canada. And we've gotten to do a few in-person social events in a park off campus overlooking the city (as you can see pictured in the title image on the first page).

The Alumni Life Group we started this Fall has been a blast and a half, as we've gotten to dig into what it means to serve God in and through your vocation. We're using the book “Garden City” by John Mark Comer, and it's provided some amazing discussions and prayer times. We're seeing them come to a new understanding of what it means to do everything to the glory of God.

Many of you know that we have a second staff person named Jazelle, and that she was our first ever student, student leader, apprentice and now fellow-worker. She is an absolute all-star and has continued to grow in every way possible since working full time with us. She is stepping into and

discovering her gifts more and more which is leading to more fruit and depth and breadth. She's currently taking a course on Hermeneutics (the study of how to correctly dig into and understand scripture) at Master's College and Seminary. And as a result is growing in that area as well. I've gotten the privilege these last couple months of helping her learn in a hands-on way how I personally do exegesis. Not that I'm an expert at it, but sometimes help in the field can take concepts and flesh them out. We've been spending a lot of time talking about what preaching is, how to do it, the goal, and how to take people through a narrative journey in your message. And she's soaking it up and putting it into practice in a way that is uniquely her.

I've always said that she has a way of communicating that is powerful, magnetic and engaging. And she's growing into that more and more. It's one of the greatest joys to continue to disciple her and watch her disciple others, who are also discipling others. Our aim is to make disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples. And it's happening, all for God and His transformational glory.

I sometimes pinch myself that I get to do what I do. I love teaching the scriptures to students and revealing Jesus. I love watching students fall in love with Him, and seeing their lives change as a result. Please pray for our students who don't yet know Jesus, that their eyes will be opened to see Him as He is, and not as society's presented Him.

Thank you so much for sowing into students! We truly can't do this without your prayer and financial support! We're a team!

Blessed to Call You Partner,

David + Krysten Burke

