



HEARTS SET ON FIRE

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I almost titled this newsletter “Winter Blues.” It’s been a difficult month on the campuses, and we’ve had an unusual number of days in which we didn’t draw much of an audience. Bad weather, competing campus events, breaking in new campuses and, most alarming, a seemingly marked increase in student apathy have made for some discouraging days.

But God still reigns, and His word never returns void...

Luke 24:13-35 records a very interesting resurrection appearance of Jesus. Two disciples, discouraged and downcast at the crucifixion, encountered Jesus as they walked on the road between Jerusalem and Emmaus, but they didn’t realize it was Him. He opened the minds of these two seemingly insignificant people to understand the Scriptures, and later, after they recognized it was Jesus, they exclaimed, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road?”

I ask God (and you can pray this for me as well) that when I preach the word, people’s hearts will burn within them. I usually think of this applying to a crowd, but in Luke 24, the Spirit recorded two people whose hearts were set aflame. God opened my heart to see how many individuals have had their hearts set on fire through our evangelism this past month.

Merideth, a student at NCSU who sat by herself, listened for well over an hour, asked sincere questions and gave her life to Christ a week later.

Aziz, a student from Saudi Arabia, who listened intently for two days, was thrilled that we gave him a gospel of John in Arabic, asked excellent questions and even invited a Muslim friend to come listen to us.

Ben is a believer at the University of North Florida who could not pull himself away from the preaching. His heart was set on fire as he saw my response to a hateful student who made an obscene gesture toward me.

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The most important decision of your life is who you will recognize as the ultimate authority. The secularist acknowledges no moral authority higher than himself. The Christian looks above himself, to God, and postures himself humbly before His authority.



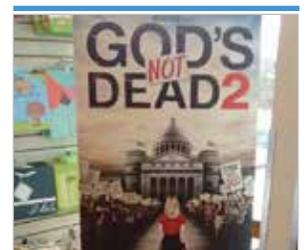
MARCH 14 | FLORIDA STATE
Right doctrine is critical, but how did we get to the point where we believe that salvation involves mere assent to a doctrinal statement?



Check out Tom's blog to read about his Bible studies.

RECENT ENTRIES

- Build My Life on God's Promises
MAR 4 | ROMANS 4
- Proclaim Christ to All Nations
MAR 31 | LUKE 24



MARCH 4
Debating on National Atheist Day, April 1st!

Byron, a recently recovered backslidden believer at Wright State University who sat and listened with two of his friends, e-mailed us the next day saying he could not stop thinking about a simple question one of my interns asked him, "Would you say that Jesus is first place in your life?"

Obed, a graduate student from Iran who approached me privately (like Nicodemus did with Jesus) at the end of the day, asked me sincere questions. He wanted to know how to convince his classmates that God was real, but this soon led to honest questions (and e-mails) about Jesus and eternal salvation.

Drew, a student at the University of Georgia who told me, "I'm a believer, but I've been really having trouble since coming to college. I just called my mom and told her I've been listening to you all afternoon, and you cleared up everything I was having a problem with."

I thank God that He is always at work, and even though we may not have affected the crowds like usual, His word burned in the hearts of individuals. And I sincerely thank you, my ministry partners, for your ongoing prayers and support. Your partnership is a source of strength and encouragement when things get difficult. Day by day, person by person, we are making a difference in the lives of people as we advance God's kingdom through the proclamation of His word. Thank you for the part you play in making this work.

Persevering in working the harvest,



Tom

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U OF MARYLAND
April 25 - 29, TBD



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April 25 - 29, TBD



OAK RIDGE CHURCH
Columbia, MD | May 1

PRAY FOR US

1. That I would preach the word in such a way that people's eyes would be opened and their hearts will burn with God's holy fire.
2. That we would get the attention of the students, waking them from their sleepy apathy to repent, seek God, and have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. God's direction on adjusting our schedule if we have bad weather.



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