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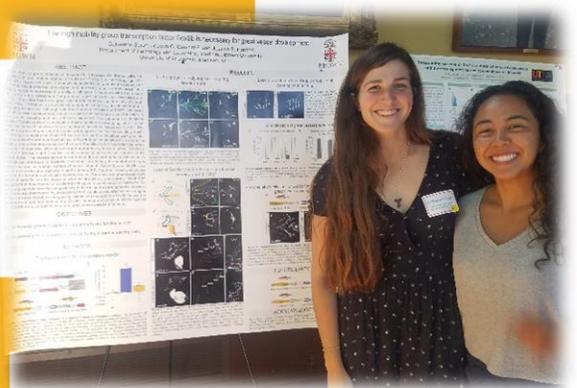


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Dear GREETING,

“Who is Elijah?” This is one of the questions asked by a student during our weekly summer gatherings of dinner and discussions on faith and life. Though an upperclassman, she’s only recently been involved in our campus ministry. That evening, we were looking at the famous passage of Jesus miraculously feeding +5,000 people while starting with only five loaves and two fish. It was a **foretaste of heaven**, of the **Messianic Banquet**, the ultimate wedding supper with Christ as groom and the church as his bride. Following this abundant provision in Luke 9, Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”. And the disciples answered, “John the Baptist. But others say Elijah, and others, that one of the prophet of old has risen.” (Luke 9:10-19)

This student had never heard of Elijah, nor was she familiar with the embodied hope on display when Jesus blessed the bread and fish and then distributed it to thousands of people with twelve baskets of leftovers. This student is new to Christianity and to Jesus, and **she’s also curious**, much like many who are involved in our ministry. *‘There’s something different about this Jesus character and these Jesus followers, and I want to know more.’* Whether it’s the location for our weekly gatherings on campus or our home nearby campus, both are safe places for students to ask their honest questions and receive honest answers. Both are comprised of communities of Christians coming alongside their classmates and teammates and pointing them to Jesus.



This is what we want to be about, and what we ask you to continue to pray about for us and our ministry as we begin another school year. **Most of the students and faculty have never heard about the real Jesus Christ**, this Son of Man who came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), who came to not be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45), and who also came eating and drinking (Luke 7:34).

After Jesus heard his disciples’ response of who the crowds say he is, he then asked them the question that *everyone* must answer: “But who do *you* say I am?” And so **we pray (with you!) and we toil and struggle with God’s power through us** (Colossians 1:28) that more and more people may respond like Peter, “You are the Christ of God.” (Luke 9:20)

In His service with you,
Jarrod and Susie and kids