

THE GOOD NEWS UP NORTH

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WINTER CAMP

A WEEKEND OF SURRENDER

Back to the barn we went for winter camp! During the first few weeks of the year, we wanted to gather so that we could have everyone start off the semester by focusing on being close to the Lord. This was also a great time for small groups to really bond in a new way.



MAIN FOCUS: LORDSHIP

The guest speaker, Rob, challenged students to really make the Lord, Lord of their life. Which means to give him everything, and not slowly take back pieces from Him. It was so cool talking to students during the weekend, because many did not understand the weight of what it meant that God is "Lord" until Rob explained it in such a good way that showed His power but also His love and faithfulness. Once they did, they understood why they had to give Him everything, and how He is trustworthy with it. Many came to the altar and began to trust Him in new ways.

TALK GROUPS

At camp we wanted to try something new. A lot of small groups are pretty close, but we do not want a bunch of close "clicks", we want a community that is continually getting to know each other, and new people, and become good friends with them. So, this time after the messages we split everyone into talk groups where small groups were all intermixed. Everyone got to know new people and learn their stories. It was actually a really cool moment, I got to meet some new students named Clara and Grace, and just heard how one legit came to Fairbanks because they heard how FBX XA was reaching students and wanted to join the mission. We have already seen at Large Group how people are branching out and talking to more people and its great!



Student 1: Ever since we got back from Christmas break this student has seemed extremely different. She says she can hear demonic voices, has constant nightmares, and is extremely depressed. In small group and at services you can tell something is attacking her. She has been trying to quote scripture constantly and pray to get rid of it, but slowly I can tell it just gets worse and worse, and I believe she is using drugs to make it easier... I ask for prayer because it is a hard situation to watch but also encourage someone in. She needs deliverance and healing.

Student 2: We found out one of our small group members got kicked off campus and is pretty much homeless. She is living with my co-leader at the moment, but she has no money to her name and no motivation to try and get a job. She grew up in a horrible family situation, and she keeps telling us she would rather live on the streets than go to her family or try and get a job... once again we need wisdom on how to serve her well, but also know how not to create unhealthy patterns in her life. We want to provide for her, but also know that is not sustainable. So please ask God to give us wisdom and to provide for her. She has been getting closer to the Lord, which is awesome, but she needs help gaining responsibility.

Student 3: Tyler has been discipling a guy for 6 months. Last week he told him he wants to follow the devil instead because that is what is cool now. Tyler obviously felt defeated because he has had so many convos with him about Jesus, and it just does not make sense how he could choose such a darker path.

RECENT POST ABOUT GOD MOVING

God has been moving these last 3 weeks probably more than I have ever seen while being here. It started a few weeks ago when one student came to the altar during worship. Now the altar is flooding with students on their knees reaching out to God and seeking to be filled with the spirit at the altar, even during the first song of the night. We have seen people give their life to Jesus as well in these moments.

I was blessed to be able to preach two weeks ago on Purity and Holiness, a subject that I thought most college students would just turn away. Yet, that was an incredibly powerful night. We had students who just were so happy because they have been wanting people to talk about this. Over the last two weeks I have heard convo after convo of students saying to each other they have to live a life of purity, they have to live set apart. We can't be complacent or just okay with our sin, we have to be cleansed by the purifying fire.

Lastly, we had our leadership meeting this last weekend. We meet once a month with our 50 small group leaders and just worship, encourage them, and bless them with a meal. That night there was the sweetest moment where someone had a vision of everyone on their knees. After that the vision came to light. Everyone began to surrender on their knees and student after student began to declare what the Lord was speaking to them. This came even from students who usually never talk during moments like that. That was probably one of my favorite moments I have ever been apart of. The Spirit was so evident, and that night the challenge was to go and seek out one more. In the midst of school, work, exhaustion. Let's walk in and seek to reach and build a relationship with at least one more person before the semester is over. Everyone left ready to take on the challenge. I just wanted to share because your prayers are so evident and God is moving in us and these amazing college students. 3 months left of the semester! Let's do this! If every student met one more that's 50 more people for the kingdom! WOOHOO!