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News from the Robergs' ministry with DiscipleMakers

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God's Faithfulness to the Brokenhearted

Last October a student at East Stroudsburg University (ESU) was on his way to meet up with some friends when he noticed a sign inviting students to a meeting of the DiscipleMakers Christian Fellowship. His interest piqued, the student—we'll call him "John"—set aside his plans and eagerly joined the gathering.

That evening John met a number of students and staff in the DiscipleMakers fellowship at ESU, including our co-worker Brian. John shared with Brian that he'd had some connection to the church growing up, but also admitted that his life revolved around his girlfriend. Brian thought it notable that a student would acknowledge such a thing so frankly, and wondered how God might be at work.

A few weeks later, Brian met John for coffee and John shared some big news: his girlfriend had just broken up with him. The relationship that he'd treated as the center of his life was now gone, and he was heartbroken. But he remained open to talking with Brian, and over time he described feeling a sense of relief. By January, John told Brian that he could see God's hand in the situation and acknowledged that the relationship had been suffocating him and drawing him away from worshipping the Lord.

Up to this point, John had a good connection with Brian but wasn't well-acquainted with other students in the fellowship. So it was significant when he decided to join them on their Spring Break trip. He quickly connected with the group and formed friendships. During the week the group studied Ephesians, and John became increasingly captivated by the gospel message and the call to community in the book's second half. Filled with excitement, he declared, "I have to tell people about this!"

John went home right after spring break, and that weekend some non-Christian friends invited him to a bonfire. As they hung out together, one of his friends reflected



The DiscipleMakers fellowship from East Stroudsburg University at our Fall Conference in October.

and said, "Hey man, you seem different. Something's changed." John responded, "It's Jesus," and started sharing the Good News that had so transformed him.

Praise and Prayer

- Praise God for His faithfulness in John's life, leading him to a deeper relationship with Him when John felt most alone.
- Pray that God would continue to work in John's life as he grows in his faith and shares the gospel with others.
- Pray for the student fellowships on all our campuses, that the strength and integrity of gospel-based community would draw many to Christ.
- Pray that students' connections with campus fellowships would extend into connections with local churches and the broader body of Christ.

Thank you for partnering with us in our mission to raise up disciples who make disciples on campus!

Grace and peace,

Brian & Carin