

News from the Robergs' ministry with DiscipleMakers

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Students Reaching Students

On the Saturday before classes started, 33 Shippensburg University upperclassmen met up to pray and then fanned out in pairs across campus to meet new students. One of them, Kayla*, found herself talking to a student who, she realized, she had already met virtually—a freshman named Ava who had reached out on Instagram earlier wanting to know more about the fellowship.

Kayla learned that Ava didn't grow up with any connection to church. But Ava had some friends who were Christians, and she told Kayla, "I really, *really* want to try church." So the next morning, the day before the first day of classes of her freshman year, Ava went to church with Kayla and a number of other students.

After church Kayla took Ava out to brunch, where they met up with Madison (another student leader) and Amelia (another freshman).

Madison had spent the summer interning with DiscipleMakers as a campus minister at Penn State, where she connected with many younger students, including Amelia. As the summer progressed, two things happened. First, Amelia and Madison became good friends as they met together to read the Bible and talk about faith. And second, Amelia realized that Penn State was not the school for her. So one week before the fall semester started, Amelia called Madison to tell her she was transferring to Shippensburg. She had been so impacted by Madison's investment in her over the summer, and had heard so many amazing things about the DiscipleMakers fellowship at Shippensburg, that she decided to enroll as a student.

So that's how college began for Ava and Amelia. Before they had attended a single class, they became friends with each other and with two upperclass women who had taken the initiative to reach out to them. This all illustrates how ministering to students means helping them not just to be disciples, but to make disciples wherever they go!



Student leaders in the DiscipleMakers fellowship at Shippensburg University, meeting on the Saturday before classes started to pray. Afterward, they spread out across campus to meet new students.

Praise and Prayer

- Pray that student leaders like Kayla and Madison will continue growing in their faith as they see God work through their efforts.
- Praise God for the opportunity to minister to Ava, Amelia, and the hundreds of other new students we've connected with across all our campuses this fall.
- Pray for Ava and students like her who, right now, are responding eagerly to the Word. Pray that their hearts would prove to be good soil for the Word, bearing fruit.
- Pray for our Fall Conference October 17–19. We're expecting more than 500 students, many of whom are encountering Bible teaching for the first time.

Thank you for your partnership with us!

Grace and peace,

Brian & Carin

* Note: We've used pseudonyms for all of the students mentioned in this letter to respect their privacy.