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Dear Church Family at Grace Christian Fellowship,

Even in the midst of sneaky birds, rocky ground, and thick thorns, *there's still good soil!* (Mark 4)
During this Fall season, I'm reminded of what Jesus spoke two thousand years ago and how it is still true today:
"The harvest is plentiful..." (Matthew 9:37) Just consider what some of our students said they want to discuss
this semester:

- *Talking about my faith with non-religious people.*
- *Ways to engage faith online due to covid lockdowns.*
- *How to (re)initiate prayer life and reconnect with the Lord?*
- *Historical context of the Bible.*
- *How to root our identity in Christ and not on our successes and failures.*
- *Trusting in God's plan. Forgiveness. Humility. Patience. Mercy.*
- *How to maintain my relationship with God while having a ton of school/athletic work and other things on your plate.*
- *How Christianity and God's love extends in relation to social justice issues happening now (e.g., loving your neighbor, etc. vs using religion as an excuse for being hateful).*
- *How to share my faith with others through sports and outside of sports.*



And when I asked Gabe, a baseball player studying health and human biology and also one of our student leaders, about his recent Life Group (our name for small groups of prayer, Bible Study, discussion, and intentional life-on-life), he said,

"Honestly, it might've been the best and my favorite Life Group that I've been a part of."

First, praise God for a great time together! But also, what exactly happened that made it so great? The gospel. *By God's grace and Spirit*, they had a great discussion about what is the gospel. *Incredible...*

Even on a university campus, with all the distractions from the truth and distortions of the truth, *God continues to work in the hearts and minds of this generation.* What a privilege we have to come alongside these future leaders, to help them run the race God has marked out for them, and to help them look to Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2)



Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support for us and God's ministry through us! Together, we're sowing gospel seeds and seeing spiritual fruit in the lives of many.

In His service with you,
Jarrold and Susie and kids

