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Finding the Good Soil

In Luke 8, Jesus tells the parable of the sower. The sower in Jesus' parable sows his seed all over the place, on all different kinds of soil. If any farmer actually sowed seed in this way, we would call him foolish! But Jesus wanted to communicate something about the way we ought to sow the seed of the gospel. We ought to sow broadly!

During the first week of school, we set up a table at a high-traffic spot on campus. In just two days, over 850 students filled out a spiritual interest survey, and over half of these students indicated a desire to talk with someone about having a personal relationship with God or discussing spiritual things! We have been working to follow up with these people. We set up appointments to meet with them on campus and share the gospel! Just last week, we saw a girl place her faith in Christ as a result of one of these appointments! This strategy of using surveys at the beginning of the year has helped us to identify the "good soil" on campus—students who are spiritually open and ready to hear the gospel.



Talking with students!



JB and the guys!



Adam sharing the Gospel!

Training Students

A second way we "sow broadly" is by using a different kind of spiritual interest survey to initiate conversations with students on campus. This past week, we focused on taking our student leaders out with us to do evangelism!

JB and Adam went out to survey some students, and ended up talking to Dean. We find that almost 100% of the time, students are willing to take our survey and engage in spiritual conversation with us! Dean had grown up going to church, and had the right answers to a lot of spiritual questions. But as JB and Adam shared the good news, Dean admitted that he had never really understood the gospel. He had also never understood that he needed to make a personal decision to place his faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of his sins. There in the cafeteria with Adam and JB, Dean made the decision to place his faith in Christ! Praise God! Pray that Dean would grow in his faith, and that Adam, a student leader, would be encouraged to be bold in evangelism!

This is an example of one of the surveys we do! We use five questions to gauge a student's spiritual interest, and use it to bridge to the Gospel! Go to jbandabbie.com read the questions and find out how we use it.

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- 1 What three words would you use to describe your life?
- 2 What single thing do you want to make absolutely sure you do during your lifetime, if at all possible?
- 3 What happens after death? Clarifying Questions: if they believe in heaven, ask if they also believe in hell; if they believe in some form of continuing existence, ask who or what determines what a person will experience.
- 4 Your best friend comes to you and says, "I want to become a Christian, but I don't know how." What would you tell your friend? Assume your friend wants you to answer the question, not be sent to a priest, pastor or someone else.
- 5 On a scale from 1 to 10, rate your desire to know God. (1 is low, 10 is high)

