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PLEASE PRAY:

- For grace to reach and connect with all the new students we have met so far at USF, HCC, UT and USF St. Pete.
- That we are able to set up Bible studies with these students and that God will draw those hungry for truth to our church meeting on campus.
- For the hearts of many to be softened as they hear the Word of God, and that they'd have faith to receive Jesus!
- Devyn, who gave her life to Jesus at our first Bible study, to continue to grow in her new walk with Him!
- Rae to build lifegiving relationships with other believers.

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"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10

The Fall semester is off to an amazing start! Just within these first two weeks we have surveyed over 2,000 students and 731 of them were interested in either hearing the Gospel, coming for church or meeting for a Bible study. We've already been able to set up 159 Bible studies so far and are looking forward to connecting with the rest of those we have met. We can't wait to see how God moves in the hearts of these students like He did with Jasoanna, who was an incoming freshman in Fall 2019. Here's her story:

I was raised by my mom in Jamaica. We went to a church where I was told not to do this or eat that, but I never understood what any of it meant. As a child I always loved going to church with my family and loved the Lord. In middle school I moved to Florida to live with my dad. Since he didn't go to church and I was older now, I had more of a say in whether I attended, and I slowly stopped going. A few times after that I went to church with a friend of mine, but only to see friends. I would not retain anything from the sermons, either from not paying attention or just not having my whole heart in it.

In August 2019, I moved to USF to attend school. I had this idea of escaping my family life and enjoying living on my own without strict parents around to tell me what to do or what not to do. That same month, I was approached by a campus minister and I filled out a survey with her. One of the questions asked whether I believed I would go to heaven if I died that day. I truly believed that I would because I believed in God and I tried to do good. But she shared with me the Bible's way to heaven, through what Jesus did on the cross. I went to Cornerstone for the first time that Sunday and started doing a Bible study weekly. At the end of October, I gave my life to Jesus and got baptized a week

later. All of this happened in about ten weeks or so, which might sound crazy for a Freshman, but it was really life changing!

It's great to see what the Lord can do in each of our lives, even if it's the little things that you notice the most. Looking back, I can see how I was really living in the world. I wasn't partying or anything wild, but I was living with sinful habit patterns that I thought were okay, which were not. Learning about and experiencing life with Christ showed me that you're no longer

living for you, the Lord is the one that leads you in everything! I can ask Him before I go and make decisions, big or small ones. I also experienced a lot of transformation through forgiveness from things that happened in my childhood and throughout my life. I am a Junior in college now and rooming with some girls from our church. I am grateful for everything the Lord has shown me and brought me through. I know He has much more planned for me and I am excited to go through all those life changing moments!

~Jasoanna

Together we are reaching this generation with the life-changing power of the Gospel! Thank you so much for praying and partnering with us to see young people find the healing and hope that comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.