



# Training Future Leaders

I helped JFA train 290 people in Arizona.

Update from Jacob Burow - March 2011



How do I pick which story to tell here? I want to tell them all. There is a story about the angry man who confessed finally that his girlfriend was scheduled for an abortion the next day and was brought to tears over that reality. There's the story about sharing Christ with the men at the Secular Free Thought Society, and challenging them to take a closer look at who Jesus of history is.

Training at four high schools was a great experience, and mentoring my



groups out on campus was a lot of fun and a blessing. Our participants were eager to learn, and did well on campus practicing talking to people.

The most encouraging conversation I had was with a young man named Eric. I saw him standing near the exhibit so I went and asked what he thought about it.

"It's horrible." He stated with conviction.



"Okay, well what do you think about abortion?"

"It's horrible."

I agreed, then asked why he thought so.

"It kills an innocent human being, it is wrong."

I agreed again, then asked why that was wrong. I've learned that it's best to not let anyone say things without explaining how they got to that conclusion. :-)  
You never know where people are really coming from if you don't ask. →



“I believe it is our duty to live well, and treating people well is part of that,” he continued.

Interesting. “So what happens if we don’t live well?”

“I believe that after we die we will be judged by the supreme being based on how we have lived.”

“Wow, you sound like a Christian. Were you raised with a religious background?”

“Yeah, all my family is Christian, but I don’t believe in the Christian God.”



I can’t tell you how many people I run into like this man. They are young men and women who grew up in a Christian environment and lost their faith. Everyone at the Secular Free Thought Society table had

the same story. I was blessed to be able to share with Eric in some depth at the end of our conversation how Jesus was not just a man in the Bible, he is a man who infiltrated history like no other. Even apart from the Bible we can reconstruct the life and teachings of Jesus.

The question is not, was he real, or what did he teach, the question is why were so many willing to die for him? The most obvious and reasonable answer is that they were telling the truth.

Eric was impacted by that conversation. He asked to stay in touch and swap phone numbers. I was excited because it is rare that people I talk to initiate staying in touch with me.

Be sure to check [my blog](#) for more stories. Next month we will have an exhibit here in Texas at UTSA. Please pray that our final preparations go smoothly, and that lots of people will join us for training and outreach. Also please pray for my efforts in fundraising, and for my upcoming speaking opportunities.

In Christ,

## RESULTS OF MY SUPPORT RAISING EFFORTS TO DATE

**As of March 1, I’ve reached 53% of my support goal.**

**70 families have partnered with me for this ministry so far (either through monthly support or special gifts). Praise God!**