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Humans Matter More

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Ask God to bless our founder, David Lee.
- Remember our new Executive Director, Steve Wagner.
- Pray for continued good health for Brit through the remainder of her pregnancy. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Nels Number Five in late August.
- Give thanks that new church and school partnerships with Justice For All are going well.

On a recent mission trip to Georgia State University (GSU), I had a conversation with three British students who liked talking to me so much that they convinced their professor to bring her whole class out for a discussion at the Justice For All Exhibit which we were displaying on their campus. With a smirk on his face, one of the students asked, “So, are you pro-life for religious reasons?”

“Are you trying to fit me into a box?” I responded. He didn’t answer, so I continued.

“I’ll answer your question if you will allow me to explain what I mean.” He nodded, and at this point I had everyone’s attention.

“Well, the short answer to your question is yes. Now, consider this: Does human life matter? A few nodded and said yes.

“This seems to be a point on which we can all agree. It’s common ground for us that we believe human life matters. But why does it matter? The reason I believe human life matters is because 2000 years ago a man named Jesus was killed, but

then three days later he walked out of his own tomb. I think that if a man walks out of his own tomb, you should pay attention to what he has to say, and Jesus said that people matter. That’s why I believe humans matter. Does anyone else have an explanation of why human life matters?”

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“I was just able to share my faith with a GSU student, and she is going to come to church with me,” she said.

My question was answered by silence. The students present were largely in agreement that humans matter, but when asked *why*, no one was able to give an answer. That life matters is a presupposition which many people never bother to question. Eventually the students had to go back to class.

Immediately after the class left, a student from Fellowship Christian

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High School, who was attending the GSU outreach as part of her JFA training, came up to me with tears in her eyes and a smile on her face.

"I was just able to share my faith with a GSU student, and she is going to come to church with me," she said.

Thank you for your financial support and prayers which made this mission trip possible. If you would like to see this work continue, please consider joining my financial support team this month.

-Jacob Nels

Below, I am explaining to three British students on the right why I believe humans matter more. The other two in the circle are high school students from Fellowship Christian School.



**"Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."
(1 Peter 3:14-15 ESV)**

I challenge you to take this verse to heart and be a part of our next JFA training adventure!