



Kansas Students at a Crossroads

How I challenged several KU freshmen to be influential from the start.



Will I influence others or will I be influenced? That is a question that every freshmen must wrestle with.

Each fall semester I meet many freshmen on University campuses. These students are at a crossroads and must choose **whether to fit the mold or change it.**

Our outreach at the University of Kansas (KU) was no different. I talked with at least 10 freshmen who, assisted by our display about the injustice of abortion, were being challenged to be a light to the KU campus

rather than join the immorality, confusion, and compromise. I was able to share truth with confused students and to motivate informed students to help others.

I had so many opportunities to talk to students that grew up pro-life but now are questioning their commitment to the belief and the movement. I also talked to many people who grew up pro-choice and although they now know abortion is wrong, they were very stagnant in their motivation to stop the injustice. I hope these students will be motivated to share what they've learned about abortion. More broadly, I hope they will willingly advocate for a clear sense of right and wrong on a campus that believes morals are relative.

- Lacey has been unsure of her faith and was thus confused about her purpose in life. We talked about her getting plugged into a loving, truth seeking, and truth sharing church community near school. Please pray for Lacey.

- Kristi and Becca have been pro-life their whole life but have been unsure about their roles in stopping abortion. I urged them to plug into a pro-life church, to make the unborn a priority, **and to start now not later!**

- Despite his solid upbringing, Andy is very lukewarm in his faith and his desire to stop abortion. **I challenged him to take the pro-life view seriously because it was true... not just because his parents believed it.**

I challenged this KU student to share the truth with her peers.



It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves

Very Encouraged By Two Key Sophomores:

I originally met Andrea at a high school training that we did in Wichita. She is very pro-life and has volunteered for us before. She is now a sophomore at KU (Univ. of Kansas) and was very thankful for our involvement on her campus. She told me about the many opportunities she has had to share truth with her friends. She is involved at church and makes a significant impact in the dorms as well.

Thomas Skinner took his involvement a step further this year and chose to come to our outreach after a classroom training. *His change in heart from the last two years to this year shows how important it is to practice what we learn from the classroom. We call it "going from seat work to feet work."* Thomas explains below...

*"My senior year of high school JFA came to do the seminar. At the time I decided I was too busy with classes and I was too laid back to actually use the tools JFA had given me. JFA came again my freshmen year at Benedictine. Once again, I did the classroom training but decided that classes were too important to miss (for the outreach). It wasn't until my sophomore year that I finally decided to take a leap of faith and go with JFA to the KU campus outreach. The experience was truly an amazing one. I wish so much that I had skipped my classes for the two previous outreach opportunities. **I saw minds and hearts change before my eyes.** Most of the students were simply minding their own business as usual, with their headphones in their ears, when they were startled by the graphic pictures on their way to class. This created some anger and protest, but mostly it created curiosity—which was essential for dialogue with the students."* - Thomas Skinner (KU sophomore)

Praises and Prayer requests for October 2009:

- We were able to get confirmation about our outreach at Oklahoma later this semester. Thank you so much for your prayers. God provided several key contacts there!!
- Pray for the freshmen that we met at the Univ. of Kansas. They have many decisions to make about promiscuity and about whether or not they will seek to defend life.
- Throughout the exhibit season it is so important for us all to be praying for great weather which greatly increases our opportunities for dialogue with passersby.
- Last week our team traveled to Colorado to train Focus Leadership Institute. We then took those 70 or so trained students to an outreach at the Univ. of New Mexico. Please pray that these students and our other volunteers can follow up with the students they met at UNM. The outreach went very well!
- Pray for God to prepare the hearts of each of our JFA staff and outreach participants so that we are gracious in dialogue. Pray also for hearts of the students we meet to be softened towards the truth.

Defending Human Value together,



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