

My Experience with Justice For All

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I can't tell you how thankful I am to you and everyone else who made it possible! I can't wait to have another opportunity to work with JFA again!

Before coming to the JFA outreach in Denton, Texas I knew that abortion was wrong. I knew that I believed life begins at conception and that ending that life is immoral. But I didn't know how to have a

conversation about it. I was excited to learn, but nervous at the same time. I knew that the outreach included discussing with students on a university campus, and that intimidated me.

The seminar on the first day was wonderful. The dialogue tools that I was introduced to were invaluable. I really benefited by the emphasis that everyone put on listening to the person to whom you are talking. I know that I often want to jump right into a debate with someone, especially if I feel passionately about the subject, such as abortion. But applying the dialogue tools of simply listening, asking questions, and building common ground is, as I learned, a much more effective way to discuss an issue with someone, especially if they disagree with me. I truly appreciated all the things that I was taught during the seminar... I loved it!



***Kinsey role-playing during
"Seat Work" training***

***Kinsey with her small learning group
on the last day of camp***



Still, I was very nervous on the drive over to the university. I wasn't sure I could remember all of the things that were taught during the seminar. But once I saw the exhibit set up and people milling about and talking, I got very excited. I couldn't wait to begin to apply the things I had learned. The next two days were full of countless challenges and even more blessings. Matthew 10:39 really came to life for me in a way it never has before: *"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake*

will find it.” Spending two days talking about abortion with people who disagree with me isn't exactly my activity of choice but it yielded more blessings than I ever counted on! By respectfully and kindly asking others what they believed, I knew that I was growing to love them in a Christ-like way and beginning to see others as Jesus does. By challenging others on their beliefs and convictions about abortion, I knew that I was making an impact for the kingdom of God.

The testimonies in the evenings with the others involved in the JFA outreach was my favorite part. I loved hearing stories of conversations that others had and comparing notes with them. It was also a great time to get clarification on questions that people might have raised that day and to learn how to do an even better job next time.

My most noteworthy conversation was the last one of the outreach. I, along with another girl in our group, was able to share the gospel with three students who were not Christians. We began talking about abortion, but that gradually led to a discussion on morals, then Christianity, and eventually Jesus. By using the tools we learned during the seminar, we were able to listen to their opinions, build common ground with them, and pose questions to challenge their beliefs. We were able to share the entire gospel with them! The result was that we parted as friends, even though we...disagreed. I was so blessed by the conversation, and I am keeping those three students in my prayers.

I don't think that words can completely describe the impact that the JFA outreach had on me. I feel like I received so much more than I gave! My experience was absolutely one of the best of my life. Everyone on the staff was wonderful, and so encouraging! There is no doubt that I will be coming back to another outreach, hopefully very soon! Thank you so much to everyone who made it possible. Keep up the good work! You are impacting the world for Christ!

Kinsey on campus for “Feet Work” training

