

JFA Reflection
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Before the outreach, I had attended JFA's training in Oklahoma City at the University of Central Oklahoma. I had not participated in the "feet work" due to work obligations. The opportunity to go to this camp was not only helpful to reinforce what I had learned a month ago, but being away from everything else, I was able to focus on what our immediate task was without distractions from work, other ministry, and other things that constantly fight for my time and attention.

The opportunity, and now the ability, to interact with people in a non-threatening, friendly manner was exciting. Some of my most memorable experiences include:

The young republican, who was very "libertarian" in his thinking, moved from being pro-life personally, but pro-choice politically, to thinking maybe abortion should be illegal, and though he wouldn't vote for it, he wouldn't vote against it and would not oppose it or object if it did become illegal.

The young man who was pretty apathetic about the abortion issue, who came to see the importance of standing up for the unborn and then, after hearing the gospel, received Christ as Savior and Lord. (Two weeks later, I have contact with him and he is still "on track".)

The young woman whom I asked what she thought of the display, turned to me, and with tears starting to come, said she had had an abortion just ten months ago and was connected to two women counselors in our group who could start her on the healing process through ongoing counseling. (She was a Christian and knew God had forgiven her, but she could not forgive herself.)

This experience has not only motivated me to be more confident in being able to talk to anyone about Christian values, but has given me a tool to be more effective in doing so. I have already talked to a friend of mine who is the youth minister at a church in Oklahoma City. He's the easy one to share with, and has said he would like to know more – I will connect him to John Michener.

I have not talked to the moderately difficult person yet, and the "most difficult" person will be my mother – a skeptic, pro-choice, liberal.

I hope God gives me and my family the opportunity to participate in one of these camps again and will be praying for that opportunity.

Thank you so much to the JFA organization and the leaders and mentors, who are so great at training and leading by example, for giving my family and me the opportunity to attend the camp in Denton and minister to the students at NTSU. This has truly been one the greatest experiences of my life

In Christ,
Stuart Boyes