

Victory Vignettes

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Interviews with Shannon Walsh

Part 1 of a Series

Know, Grow & Go

An interview about CRU with Josh Bielenberg

College football, the Dawgs, and downtown Athens ... you're thinking about the University of Georgia, right? But what about "Know, Grow, Go"? That's the motto of CRU – a prominent campus ministry at UGA.

understand the relationship people should have with him, **Grow** in that relationship, and then **Go** out and tell the world about it."

While college can be a time where faith takes a backseat

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We spoke with Josh Bielenberg, a junior and very involved with this national ministry's college chapter at UGA, who explains that this phrase "simplifies CRU's mission which is to **Know** God personally,

role, at UGA approximately 200 student CRU members meet weekly for worship! These meetings begin with live music by students, followed by a talk, a reading of the Bible, prayer, and

About Teleios



Teleios uses scientific research methods to prove the goodness of the Bible and how it helps people. Teleios also conducts surveys to provide glimpses into current Christian thinking on a variety of interesting topics. Additionally, Teleios highlights worldwide victorious Christian news showing the positive results of a biblical lifestyle.

This series of interviews will provide glimpses of believers actively engaged in sharing the good news of Christ.

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closing music. Josh explains that CRU is intentionally designed to be predominantly student-led and the talk presenters are “pretty well balanced between the most senior staff member, students and guest speakers, panels, and other staff members.” After the meeting, there is usually some type of activity “designed to engage the community of CRU.” Members always try to bring friends with them to introduce new students to the organization, continually supporting the “Go” part of the mission and sharing their experience with others.



Josh adds that “the weekly meeting is only about a third of what CRU does ... the meat of CRU happens in the community groups and outreach programs. Community groups are open and flexible, and aim to be

more welcoming for people still looking around and exploring their faith.

Josh is part of one outreach group directed toward Greek life. At the beginning of every year, members from CRU visit fraternity houses and speak to new pledges, challenging them to think about where Christ fits into their lives and encouraging them to grow in their faith. Josh’s role in these pledge talks comes afterwards, as he runs one of the two community groups for the frat freshmen pledges who become involved in CRU. Although freshmen are given the option to join a community group affiliated with CRU, selling the organization is not the main goal. CRU’s Greek outreach program encourages freshmen to join a Bible study group, whether through CRU, their fraternity, or another campus ministry, with the goal to promote spiritual growth.

When asked about his favorite aspect of CRU, Josh says “I love how the people who represent CRU are also representing CRU to other people. They’re going and they’re intentionally being the face of CRU ... I think that really embodies the ‘go’ part of

the mission, you gotta go represent CRU and you gotta go represent Christ.” Because of these faith-driven young adults, hundreds of college students are making their faith a priority in their college life. The numbers continue to grow and every week new students come to worship, hear the good news of salvation through Christ, and get involved.



Josh on a CRU trip to Haiti



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