

# MINISTRY WITH THE LEMONS

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Last month we shared some fun quotes from students who came to our Winter Conference in Indianapolis. This month we would love to share with you in more detail a little bit about just three of those girls: Kelsey, Lexie and Elyssa.

Kelsey is a WIU freshman who loves Jesus and desires to grow in her faith. Last semester she got involved with Cru seeking to be discipled and have Christian community. She has pursued her friends on her dorm floor incredibly well and has been looking to grow in her ability to share her faith with them. Throughout the semester some students and staff have invested in Kelsey to help her think through how to best engage with her friends about Jesus.

The last Cru weekly meeting of the semester Kelsey brought along five friends from her floor! They all got to hear a brief gospel message and several student testimonies of how Jesus has affected their lives.

That night one of those friends, Elyssa approached Kelsey. Elyssa grew up going to church and always thought she had faith, but was realizing that it was not the same as Kelsey's or those who shared during that meeting. She desired more, so she asked Kelsey to tell her about her faith. While Kelsey had never sat down to explain the Gospel in detail with someone, she had recently been trained on to use a booklet that helps to communicate the Gospel. Kelsey pulled out this booklet and shared with Elyssa the Gospel, answering some of her questions that she had along the way. **That night Elyssa gave her life to Jesus for the first time.**

The following day another student from this friend group, Lexie, approached Kelsey. Lexie was struggling with the death of a loved one, and was in a dark place. She wanted to hear more as well and asked Kelsey to share with her what she shared with Elyssa. **That day Lexie heard the Gospel and gave her life to Christ!**

This is truly an incredible story! "It was one of the most incredible things I have ever experienced" Kelsey later said.

By faith we invited Lexie and Elyssa to come to our Winter Conference for free, and they came! Not only did the Lord provide the funds but He met them there in an incredible way, and it was obvious that they had grown a ton in just a week. Both of them have begun to be discipled, are reading scripture for the first time, and even inviting some of their friends to Cru as well! (And I kid you not, we think a guy that they've been bringing has recently given his life to Christ as well!) And Kelsey not only has grown a ton in her own faith, but is actively multiplying it into others! **Jesus deserves so much glory and worship because of these three women!**

We say it every month but it can not be overstated. We are so thankful for your partnership! We would not be able to be a part of these stories if it weren't for you. Your partnership is truly making a difference in student's lives though they may never know it. Thank you so much.



*WIU Freshmen Girls*

T.J. and Emily