Abortion Dialogue Academy

September 2014

Dear Friends,

This has been an exciting month for ADA! We conducted our first ever Crash Course for the pro-life club at Washington University in St. Louis Missouri. WashU has been the testing grounds for the curriculum that ADA is developing. They are showing success in recruiting new students, as well as motivating those students to reach out to people for the purpose of changing hearts and minds on the abortion issue.

At the Crash Course we had students from WashU as well as a high school student named Nick from a local private college prep school. Nick is not only a student but he is also Vice President of the pro-life club there. He is incredibly excited about ADA and seeking to bring our program to his school. Why is he so excited?

Impact

We all desire to see an end to abortion. Sometimes it is hard to see how our efforts are contributing to that goal. Nick was excited after going through our Crash Course, but ecstatic after doing outreach with us.

During outreach a student named Dan walked up to Katie and said, “I’m pro-choice, persuade me.” They began discussing the abortion issue, and after about twenty minutes Dan said, “Shoot! Maybe abortion should be illegal!”

Only minutes later a girl came up and asked Nick what we were trying to accomplish. Nick explained that the WashU Students For Life club was creating dialogue about abortion. She stated that she was pro-choice and volunteers for Planned Parenthood. She said that she grew up Catholic and pro-life, but is now an atheist. Katie was listening to the conversation and mentioned that she too had grown up Catholic and become atheist, but then became Catholic again. The girl came directly to her and said, “Can we get lunch together sometime? I want to know what brought you back to God.” Katie has now met several times with this young woman, please keep them in your prayers!

How many pro-choice atheists who volunteer at Planned Parenthood have ever asked you to evangelize to them? These opportunities happen
regularly when you create good dialogue on college campuses.

Nick witnessed everything we teach in the Crash Course being used effectively to change someone’s mind. He now not only wants us at his school, but wants to attend the WashU club’s meetings to hone his own dialogue skills. He is inspired to become as good at dialogue as Katie.

**Next Steps**

Why am I excited about working with high schools? While abortions are not as common among high school students, they are very close to going off to college. If we teach high school students to do outreach and use effective dialogue techniques, they can be proficient at dialogue by the time they go to college. This will maximize their impact with the most abortion vulnerable segment of the population. One high school can help spread the ADA model to many college campuses as well as persuade people to be pro-life even before they get to college.

While the WashU Club is working to reach out to their campus and continue to sharpen their dialogue skills using our curriculum, I am working both to develop better materials for the club to use, as well as fundraising for the organization and planning our next crash course events. There are several other pro-life student groups that have expressed interest in working with us in the St. Louis region.

On a personal note, I have now officially moved to St. Louis Missouri. I am excited to be there as a part of a strong pro-life community, and glad to able to contribute a unique part to that.

I will be in Texas for a few weeks fundraising, so please call me if you would like to visit!

God Bless,

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P.S. If you have donated to ADA, you will receive a year-end summary of your giving. If you need quarterly statements for tax purposes, please email me. Thanks!

Katie with a new club member doing surveys at WashU