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# FREE SPIRITUAL READINGS

**"One day I was just walking through the quad on my campus (Modesto Junior College) and I saw a big tent with 'free spiritual readings' written on it. I went in searching for answers and I came out with the Answer. Thank you for doing this every week on my campus. I would have never known Jesus if it weren't for your faithfulness."**

Hundreds of students have told of similar experiences like Daniel's since 2004 when we began advertising free spiritual readings in the center stage quad areas of our four campuses. The first time we tried this type of outreach at CSU-Stanislaus, there was a line of students for three straight hours and six people gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Daniel gave his life to the Lord recently after another student shared a word of knowledge with him that reshaped his receptive intake from the living God of love. He is being discipled, maturing daily, leading others to Christ, and was baptized in water and the Holy Spirit just last fall.

The premise for what has evolved into our "free spiritual readings" booth as well as several other weekly outreaches is to limit ourselves to the gifts of the Spirit that God gives in the delivery of His message. Meaning, if we are going to give ourselves intentionally and consistently to reaching out, then we will limit ourselves to facets of outreach that require the presence and power of God or we will fail. Doing so requires by default (not compulsion) that each student involved has sought the Lord prior to the outreach and is focused on what the Father is doing and saying during the outreach. We ask the Lord to demonstrate His love and power through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and He apportions to each one the gifts appropriate for the individual being ministered to.

While prophecy (like any gift) never comes by the will of man (2 Peter 1:21), God puts the pursuit of such gifts into our hands (1 Corinthians 14:1) and expects that we desire and use them for His glory. By design, these outreaches fulfill a specific desire; that we could never turn around afterwards and claim that we did it, but

only that the Spirit of God worked mightily through a people surrendered to Him.

From the understanding that it is not God's will for anyone on earth to be hellbound (2 Peter 3:9) to the fact that each person around us was born with a built-in eternal instinct (Ecclesiastes 3:11) the adventure of delivering the words and ways of God should consume us. These truths and many more affirm the desire within the Father and the desire within humanity for one another. Meanwhile, we represent the area existent between the two: as a bridge, a wall, or an uninvolved mass consumed with self and spiritual-like charades.

The beautiful framework that a free spiritual readings booth provides is that 98% of the people walking into the booth are pre-Christian and spiritually hungry. Most Christians (unless they know us) don't come to a free spiritual readings booth (call it free prayer and they will come though) and when pre-Christians come into the booth, it is evident by implication that they are spiritually hungry. It is not that God can't operate outside the booth, but it serves as a great point of contact.

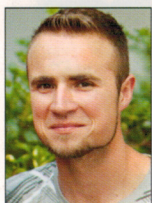
The general approach we take once a student, faculty, or staff enters the booth is as follows: We are Christians and God speaks to us; Jesus said it this way, "My sheep hear My voice." The Bible describes the thoughts of God toward us like the sand of the sea. We are simply going to pray and ask the Father what He is thinking right now and if there is anything specific He would like to speak to you. Is that okay with you?" Sometimes we ask if they would like us to aim at a specific topic in prayer and most of the time I ask if I could place my hands on theirs or just hold their hands (the point of



contact in touch tends to be a powerful place for the transfer of healing and impartation). The demonstration of the Spirit's power has flowed in every gift, excluding only tongues and interpretation of tongues within these booths. After demonstrating the love of God by the gifts He gives, there is typically one simple question that each encounter yields, "Is there any reason you would not surrender your life to Jesus Christ right now?"

Students like Raj at UC Merced walk in with loaded questions and heavy cases against the Christian religion but run into an unexpected voice in love. Raj was raised as a Hindu in India but found religion to be a worthless waste of time that offered no substantial value to his life. He expressed four pressing issues in his family and academics that he said no god he had prayed to could answer. A peer from one of his classes sat in the free spiritual readings booth that day and said, "My God will answer your four questions in the next three days, or you don't have to believe what I tell you about Christ is true." Raj responded that he would become a believer in Jesus Christ if it were so. Two days later, Raj found his friend and gave his life to Jesus after having two straight days of encounters with Christ that reshaped his thinking and answered the questions of his heart.

While countless students have been healed, delivered, and saved in the free spiritual readings booth, the greatest fruit is in discipleship. Students learn how to hear the voice of God, operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and relentlessly reach out to their peers in the power of God just by participating in these outreaches. In the last few years, we have even seen several students baptized in the Holy Spirit in the booth—speaking in tongues in the middle of their campus. In fact, one of our interns was baptized in the Holy Spirit as a student in the spiritual readings booth on his campus at CSU-Stanislaus.



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# LIMIT YOURSELF

by Jeremy Anderson

The approach we take of limiting ourselves to the gifts of the Spirit to deliver the message of the gospel is not new; we are just copying Jesus. We simply believe that if we do not demonstrate in power what we articulate with words, we are hypocritical at best. We were born to walk out adventures of experience that reveal the love and power of God on earth as it is in heaven. Not everyone is called to be an evangelist, but we all have the privilege of evangelizing.

With that said, after having Chi Alpha students from other campuses and Bible college students come to our campuses for on-site evangelistic training, speaking in churches, evangelism workshops, and conferences, we are convinced that the most effective way to serve the body of Christ in such evangelistic equipping as this is to come to you.

The last time we did this, within a few hours of the first outreach, seven students came to Christ and a creative miracle took place where a girl's leg grew out. When students see this stuff happening through them on their campus, it disarms the lies that isolate moves of the Spirit to some other special group. We are not Chi Alpha without any issues or problems (Trust me!). Like you, we are simply trying to lean into our destiny in Christ and we feel specifically graced for this calling to the Body.

If you would like us to send a team to train your staff and students and help facilitate outreaches on your campus, we would count it as our privilege to serve alongside you in this way. For inquiries or details, please call 209.667.9467 or e-mail [jeremy@stanxa.com](mailto:jeremy@stanxa.com).

