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News from the Robergs' ministry with DiscipleMakers

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## “It’s Why We’re Here”

When DiscipleMakers missionary Clint Watkins began reaching out to students at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in 2016, he went in faith that God would work but didn’t know whether his efforts would have a lasting effect.

Things started small: a Romans Bible study with two guys. More guys joined as the weeks progressed, and by the end of that first semester there were six students attending faithfully. As they neared the end of the book, Clint challenged these men to think bigger than their one Bible study. If they could start building a Christian community on campus they might even build something that would last beyond their own time in school.

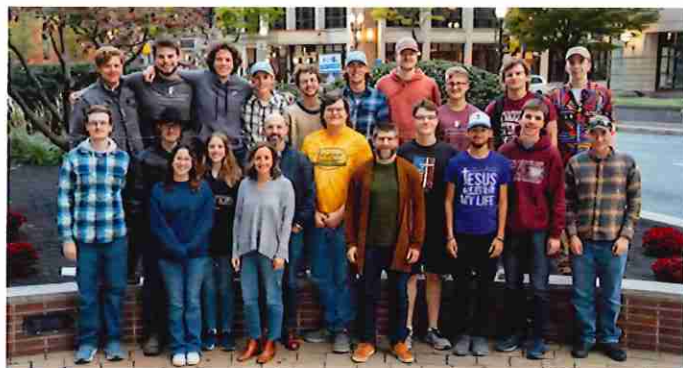
But this would require a commitment from the students to see it through, especially at a commuter school where on-campus community was not a priority.

“We were about to launch this bigger Bible study to reach more people,” Clint said recently, recalling that time. “Before we did, I needed to make sure that these guys were truly on board with this.... I remember asking them, ‘Why bother with all of this? You’re busy students. Nobody’s getting involved in extracurriculars. This is gonna be awkward and uncomfortable. Why bother?’”

There was awkward silence for a moment, and then Taylor, one of the students, said something that Clint still remembers almost ten years later. “It’s why we’re here.”

“For me,” Clint said, “what Taylor said and what those guys committed to was the very reason we went to Thaddeus Stevens to begin with.... Our goal is to make disciples who make disciples, that any student can come through our ministry, believer or unbeliever, they experience the gospel and realize the reason we’re here is because Jesus has saved me and Jesus has sent me.”

Today, Taylor and his cohort have long since graduated, but the DiscipleMakers fellowship at Thaddeus Stevens



DiscipleMakers recently made a video about the beginning of our ministry at Thaddeus Stevens, which you can see at [vimeo.com/disciplemakers](https://vimeo.com/disciplemakers).

is a thriving community reaching students on that campus. DiscipleMakers recently made a video sharing more of this story.

## Praise and Prayer

- Praise God for His work at Thaddeus Stevens and at the other schools where He has given us the opportunity to form new ministries in recent years.
- Pray for the final weeks of the school year: for opportunities to make connections with students before they leave campus for the summer.
- Pray for our year-end Focus event, a week-long conference that takes place during the week between the end of finals and graduation. Pray that the Lord would use the time in the Word to prepare students for the summer.

Grace and peace,

*Brian & Carin*