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Week # 8

Hours This Week: 10 Total Hours: 344 / 360

HOURS SPENT / TASKS & ACTIVITIES	REFLECTIONS JOURNALING THOUGHTS PROCESSING
2 hours / Prepping Bridges Fellows Refresh Retreat	<p>Grace had asked me two weeks ago to prepare the discussion for the Refresh retreat. I began to prepare by praying and asking God how the student leaders could best get refreshed. I decided to talk about intimacy and hearing from God. Then I began to gather notes from my pastor’s sermons, Dr. Reimer’s lectures, and my personal experiences. Usually preparing for a talk like this gets me really nervous, but I felt excited to share what I’ve learned about his topic. Preparing helped solidify some things I’ve been thinking about.</p>
3 hours / Staff Meeting	<p>When it was time to discuss my ideas for the Refresh retreat, I could tell Lauren was uncomfortable with the part about hearing from God. I had planned to do a time of practicing – asking God a question and waiting to hear his voice for the answer. She suggested reading the Bible instead of this part. I agreed that the Bible is an important part of God’s word, but that hearing God’s rhema voice is a distinct way of hearing his word, and it’s important. I was prepared during our whole discussion to submit everything to her authority, but I kept praying while we talked because I suspected that under her uncomfortableness, God was working to expand her idea of how he speaks. The other two staffers – who are also less experienced with seeking God’s rhema – agreed it would be good for the students to learn something new, and Lauren agreed. I was thankful for this process. While Lauren is unsure, she is not suspicious or trying to stop the Spirit. I learned a lot about helping people who just haven’t experienced it take a step of faith.</p>
2 hours / Discipleship with Nancy	<p>We followed up on our talk about Jesus being King & Lord with a talk about surrender and dying to self. The question was about if Jesus is Lord, how do we respond. It is a joy to see Nancy be so excited and willing to follow God wherever he leads her.</p> <p>The staff meeting this week was mostly logistical since the retreat is this weekend. It is good for me to learn</p>

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<p>2 hours / Prepping Bridges Fellows Refresh Retreat</p>	<p>the difference between a big ideas meeting and a tactical meeting.</p> <p>After the staff meeting where Lauren and Grace gave me some feedback – and I learned more about their uncertainties – I spent more time polishing my presentation and making a handout for the students. The process of curating this presentation helped deepen my understanding and sharpen what I believe about hearing God’s voice.</p>
<p>1 hour / Lunch with Javad & girlfriend</p>	<p>I met with Javad and his girlfriend, Shelly, for lunch. After the “talk” I had with Javad last month, I wasn’t sure if would be comfortable meeting me again, but he seemed to value our friendship and was enthusiastic to bring his girlfriend along so I could get to know her. It was hard to go deep with either of them; I sensed a spiritual wall that may need a lot of prayer to come down. They were polite though, and I think we made some good, however small, connections. I’m hoping I can meet Shelly again later to try to understand her better.</p>

<p>MEETING(S) WITH MENTOR(S) TOPICS OF DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS</p>
<p>I updated Lauren on my meeting with Nancy. She encouraged me and gave me some more ideas. I am learning a lot from her. We also discussed my evangelism growth – as I shared with her about our meeting with Tony and how I have been reluctant to learn because of the way I was wounded by evangelism in college. I am beginning to see how I can grow in evangelism and guard against some of the unhealthy things I encountered through campus ministries when I was a student. This is a neat opportunity to heal some old wounds and learn something new.</p>