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"Where in the Bible should I start?"

This is definitely one of my favourite questions to hear- and one a student will throw at me most years. A young man enrolled in the course I taught this past term (*Introduction to World Religions*) posed this question to me after we wrapped up the unit on Christianity. He was intrigued by what he learned in class about Jesus and wished to follow up for himself by reading the Bible. Of course, in the classroom I take care to be impartial, especially when I'm teaching about Christianity. But I know the Spirit works even through my 'objective' lectures. As we chatted during office hours, I pointed the student to the Gospel of Mark as a good place to start.

I'm grateful to God for the opportunity to connect with so many nonreligious students through teaching a UBC course!

From Curtis @ Okanagan College:

A new club popped up on the student scene at Okanagan College Kelowna Campus this year: The Okanagan College Christian Club. Each week, I (Curtis) would gather with the OCCC students and enjoy an hour of prayer, discussion, Bible study and sharing. We studied the Book of Jude, Psalm 119, and other texts relating to Christmas and Easter. Our time was marked by prayer and reading Scripture together. We often shared about the struggles and joys of student life and what we had learned or experienced in church the prior week. We hope to build on the momentum of last year and continue meeting together in the new semester.



Student encampments on North American campuses have lately garnered a lot of media attention of late. Through the spring, UBC Okanagan saw a few demonstrations for Palestine and against the war (or against Israel). In May this protest camp (pic above) was erected in the centre of campus. Tension is in the air, but the UBCO campus remains calm, thank God. Please pray that it may continue so, and that I'll be able to have good and edifying conversations with students and staff about these complex issues.

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