

TCU/TCC Diocesan Report

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Hi y'all, for those who don't know, I'm Michael Cobillas, and I'm the director of the College and Young Adult ministries at Christ the Redeemer.

And because of your support, I've started studies at Nashotah House this Fall and I'm projected to finish in 2026 Spring, which will qualify us to start full-time ministry at TCU. In the meantime, I'm continuing to meet with Young Adults - every other week for fellowship and study

But I want to focus on new development at Tarrant County College South campus...

This semester has been a fruitful time of ministry at TCC South Campus. Although I've been laboring at this campus since the beginning of Spring Semester this year, it seems that the first fruits of the labor have made themselves apparent in this semester.

The first time I tabled (a campus ministry word for having a table, some incentives by way of treats, and discussion questions), I interacted with around 55-70 students, asking them "what is most important for you to experience during college". The answers they could choose from included success, friendships, fulfillment, fun, and love. After getting a good grasp of what they wanted out of college, I asked them how important their spiritual life was to them on a scale of 1 to 10. Depending on their answers determined whether or not I would lean harder or softer on the invitation to a Bible study on campus.

For my first Bible study on campus, I was nervous, hoping for at least 2 people to show up. But, to my delightful surprise, 6 people showed up. The next week, 13. The week after, 11. The basic pattern of tabling with a different Discussion Question each week followed by hosting a Bible study has proven helpful. In the coming months, I hope to incorporate more fellowship/welcoming events to create a stronger sense of community as we explore the life of Jesus in Bible study.

The goal is rather simple: to transform students with the Gospel to transform the world. We live in a time when Generation Z has greater uncensored exposure to the world and its ideas, without the time nor maturity to sift through those ideas. We, as the Church, have an opportunity and responsibility to help point them in the right direction and walk beside them in this crucial time of their lives. Please continue to keep these students in your prayers, so that the healing work of the Gospel would bring life to this next generation.

Again, thank you for your support. If you'd like to get involved, reach out to me.