



# DISCIPLEMAKERS

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News from the Robergs' ministry with DiscipleMakers

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## No Accidents

A few weeks ago, a senior in the DiscipleMakers fellowship at Shippensburg University had a rough start to her day. This student—I'll call her "Abby"—made a mistake while parking and swiped another student's car in the campus parking lot. Since no one else was there, Abby left a note with her phone number and went to class.

When she came back, she saw that another student was there inspecting the other car. As Abby began apologizing profusely, the student got out a rag and wiped the side of the car. The marks from Abby's car rubbed off, revealing that the other student's car was completely undamaged!

Their interaction could easily have ended there. But the other student ("Ella") said, "Hey, would it actually be okay if I kept your phone number? And could I text you sometime to hang out?"

A few days later, they did get together. As they talked, Abby asked Ella about her life, including her spiritual background. She learned that Ella is an international student and doesn't have much of a church background; her understanding of the gospel and Jesus is very limited.

But Ella seemed very open to connecting further. In fact, when she shared this story, Abby said, "The most shocking thing is how *she* keeps reaching out to *me*." It usually takes initiative to form connections with students. (Sometimes it takes a *lot* of initiative!) But some students feel so lonely that they respond eagerly to anyone who shows interest in them. This can be dangerous if students end up connecting with the wrong people. But in this case, God has put a believer in Ella's life, someone who wants to share with her the hope she has in Christ. The occasion God used to bring about Ella and Abby's friendship reminds us that with Him, there are no accidents.



The DiscipleMakers group at Shippensburg University is one of our most thriving campus fellowships. (Shown here at our Fall Conference in October.)

## Praise and Prayer

- Pray for Ella, that her relational openness would lead to spiritual openness. Pray that the Lord would help Abby to love Ella well and be a good friend to her in the name of Christ.
- Praise God for the opportunities our staff and students have to share the gospel on campus. Pray that He will work in students' hearts to raise up many who will make disciples themselves.
- Pray for seniors like Abby who are now in the home stretch of their time in college. Pray that the Lord will direct their steps not only in their careers and also in their connections, including guiding them to solid churches where they can continue to grow.

Thank you for your partnership with us in this mission!

Grace and peace,

*Brian & Carin*