



# Evergreen Students for Christ

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## Skin Deep and More



God's Word gets into our hearts and heads, but can also get under our skin. The call to love like Jesus loved from 1 John challenges me as I teach and evidently this student enough to have it tattooed onto his arm.

We began 1 John at the end of winter quarter seeing how our spiritual foundation is centered on Jesus. Now, it's doubly exciting for me as I walk through this spiritual manifesto while

both teaching it and also helping several growing student leaders to learn to teach from this letter. These are guys God has brought to Evergreen for discipleship and training.

The Shack, by Wm. Paul Young is either loved or hated. I think the more difficult someone's life has been, the more attracted they are to the book. After reading it this past winter, I realized it would make a perfect book as a jumping off place for a discipleship/theology class.

Our class began last week and a group gathered—some had read the book many times and some not at all; some are growing disciples and others struggle with bitterness, rejection, and thoughts of suicide. We not only read the novel, but study Scripture to see the biblical basis for the Trinity, suffering, confession, repentance and transformation.

### **Prayer Requests**

**Training students to teach 1 John.**

**Discipleship/Theology class discussions**

**That God would deepen the fellowship at the faculty and staff Spring luncheon.**

### **Prayers Answered**

**The Christian faculty and staff lunch began well. A majority of those who came were thrilled to meet other Christians on campus. Some had felt isolated and the fellowship gave them encouragement. We are looking forward to our next meeting.**

**Relational growth with international students is coming along.**

## On the Family Front

Over spring break, we had the joy of visiting our grand-daughter Esther and her parents Alyssa and Kabyn in St. Louis. We went to museums, parks, the zoo, and more.

I enjoyed attending a class with Kabyn at Covenant Seminary and hearing Jerram Barrs teach on The Glory of Humanity and the Existence of God.



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