

# New Beginnings

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### Spring Semester Learning Lab & Seminary

Hello from snowy and cold Champaign!

Campus has been quite active these past few weeks as students moved back into the dorms and apartments and resumed classes. We're enjoying having them back and getting together for discipleship times over warm drinks - taking the edge off the cold.

You may remember last Spring we launched a new equipping time with Illini Life called Learning Lab - it's a weekly time where Nick and a few other staff train and encourage students in outreach. Learning Lab was such a success and so well received by students last year that they asked us to offer it again.

Last week we launched Learning Lab 2014, meeting on Monday nights for the next 8 weeks. 20 students committed to attend weekly and grow in their ability to share The Gospel and regularly talk through whom around them they can build connections with for the sake of The Gospel.

During Learning Lab this semester we'll be teaching these students how to share The Bridge Diagram,

their testimony, and a succinct Gospel in 3-5 minutes called Wildfire Gospel all as methods for sharing the message of Jesus clearly with their peers.

Every other week at Learning Lab we'll be spending time brainstorming individuals in our lives that don't know Jesus and what their next step might be to moving closer to knowing Jesus.

Our hope is at the end of these next 8 weeks these 20 students would be as Peter calls us to be:

**"In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"**  
**1 Peter 3:16**

In other news, Nick has begun taking a class at the local seminary (Urbana Theological Seminary). He is currently enrolled in New Testament Survey and enjoying being a student (at least part-time) again after almost 9 years away from the classroom. He hopes to continue on to an eventual degree while continuing to work full-time on campus with GCM and Illini Life. We're excited for the opportunity for further training the seminary provides and how that will enrich our ministry here at U of I.

## Prayer Requests

- We're at 75% of our overall monthly support. ☺
- For the 20 students taking Learning Lab to grow in their knowledge and understanding of The Gospel and ability to share it with their peers.
- For Seminary work to be fruitful in our lives and ministry here at U of I.

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### Where We Live



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