

Wrapping Up Year Two at CU!

Hello Everyone!

I hope you all are doing well and that your Spring is going well.

We just recently wrapped up our second year here at CU! So I thought I would send a quick update with what we were up to in the second half of the spring 2024 semester.

One of the main highlights from this Spring 2024 semester was doing our second year of our Discipleship Training Class (DTC). This year, DTC was a 7-week class for students that either have a desire to lead a small group of their own and/or who just want to grow in their skills and ability to make disciples in college and beyond that. This year, we had 6 students take the class and it was a really good class! Something we added to the class this year was a retreat for the students as part of the the last classes and this was a lot of fun. We had a couple that we know generously let us use their beautiful AirBnB in Estes Park for the retreat at no cost, and it was a great opportunity for the students in the class to connect more and get to know each other better. It was a great way to end a great class. Overall, The students asked good questions and the discussions were really powerful. I think all of the students really enjoyed the class and got a lot out of it. We will have at least 4 of the students joining our leadership team next year!



Photo of one of our Discipleship Training Classes.



As part of DTC the students each had to lead a small group. This is a photo from when Partha led. It was a great discussion and a beautiful place to meet.

In addition to DTC, another highlight of the semester was our small groups. As you might recall, this semester, we split up the guy's small group into two small groups. Erik Unruh, Rishab, and I led one of those small groups. The goal of the small group was to be discussion based, and I would say - for the most part - we stuck to that and had some really good discussions about the differences and over lap of faith vs trust in God, and the nature of suffering. It was a lot of fun to lead a small group with Erik and Rishab this year and it was a great opportunity to lead the guys in the group that came each week.

Toward the end of the semester, we had some good friends of our staff here at CU, Tyler and Rebecca Shults come and visit. Tyler was part of the original pioneering team for CSU Chi Alpha. He and his wife, Rebecca, then went on to start Chi Alpha in India and are now helping the national team of Chi Alpha develop training and outreach to better reach international students. It

was really great and encouraging to have them here and they loved meeting and connecting with our students. One of the coolest parts of having them here was having Tyler share at our last small group of the semester. This was really cool, because he shared his story of coming to college as someone who didn't really have any faith and getting connected with Chi Alpha. He talked about how - for a bit - he still didn't really have faith, but really enjoyed hanging out and becoming friends with everyone in his small group. Then, eventually coming to know Jesus. It was cool to hear his story and after he shared, one of the students said that his story really resonated with him. He said he is in a similar place of not really having a faith in Jesus, but really enjoying hanging out with us and being our friend. I think it was really great for him to hear Tyler's story!

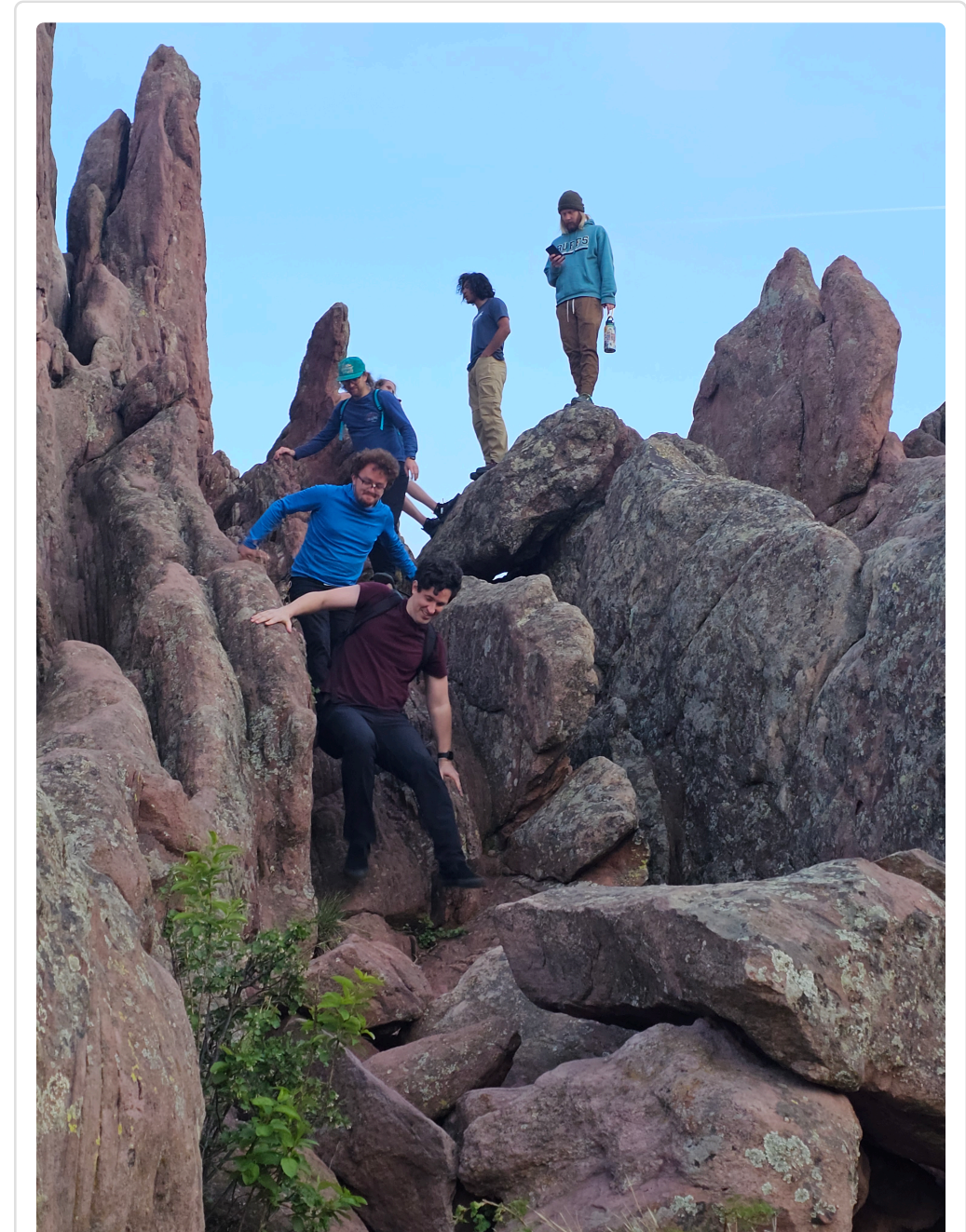


Photo from the small group where Tyler shared his story.

Now, we are into summer and we will be continuing to do small groups for everyone that is in town and continuing to hangout and stay connected with the students that we have connected with this year. I am excited to see what the summer and the upcoming semesters hold! I just want to say thanks again for all of the support that you all have shown and given me over these past few years. It really means a lot and I couldn't do it without you all!

Prayer Requests

Be praying that we can continue to connect and meet up with students this summer and that they would just have a desire to seek God throughout the summer. Also be praying that it would be a refreshing time for them.

We will have two new members joining our team within the next year. So be praying that they can raise their full support quickly so they can join us on campus soon!

Erik and Kellyn will be having a baby at the end of June! So be praying for a healthy baby, for their final preparations, and that they can get moved and settled in their new house before the baby comes.

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