

During our high school and young adult Young Life club, I always pray a short prayer before sharing with them during the talk. I ask God to give me His words and I pray that the hearts of the youth would be open. This time, I began with a question...“Who is God?”

Immediately, two of the youth raised their hands. “God is the creator,” one said.

We talked about some of God’s creation before I asked again...“Who is God?”

The next answer I wasn’t prepared for. The young man who answered, we’ll call him Nathan, is a believer. He and his brother were actually baptized by Tomo in May of this year - a huge praise! He typically goes to church with us in Warm Springs and helps his siblings during kids church. However, I had hardly heard him speak more than two or three words at a time. He is a quiet observer most of the time. But this day, I was reminded that God works in unexpected ways.

Nathan spoke up. “God is the Alpha and Omega.”

Somewhat shocked, I asked, “And what does that mean?”

“The beginning and end,” he replied.

I could hardly believe it! I am praising God for the ways Nathan is growing in knowledge of God’s Word. I am extremely thankful for the young, Native leaders He is raising up in Warm Springs, though many of them are very new believers right now. God is growing His Kingdom here.

Please pray that God’s Word continues to be a deep seated truth for this young man and others like him. Pray that his trust in Jesus will continue to grow.

One of the young adult women, we’ll call her Callie, has also been on my heart for months. She is constantly asking questions like, “What does the Bible say about corrupt leadership?” or “What does it mean to fear the Lord, because that sounds bad?” She is searching for truth and answers about how the Bible speaks into hard topics. Her cousin also committed her life to Christ this year and has been witnessing to her. Please pray for Callie and her curiosity. Pray that she would discover Jesus as the answer to her questions.

Although there is so much good, there are many heavy things. It often seems like it’s just funeral after funeral. We mourn these losses with many youth, friends, and community members. There are many kids who are struggling in their home life or the lack thereof, kids who are desperately looking for stability.

Please pray for the Sacred Road team in Warm Springs as we pursue each opportunity to share the love of Christ in our interactions and friendships. Pray that God will lead us in conversations and in being *with* people. Pray for patience and peace in our hearts as we wait on the Lord to answer prayers. Each day, we work with great expectation because we know that God is good and He changes hearts!

Psalm 130:5-6

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in His word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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