

“So, how does someone become a Christian?”

This question came up during a discussion with undergraduate students at the home of Tori (right), a philosophy professor I have worked with. She had taught an ethics course all semester long, and invited the entire class over for pizza and a course review — just before the final exam.

Nearly 40 students came to Tori's home; her husband and kids helped host the evening. The review session, and the supply of pizza and cokes, lasted for two hours.

When the review session was finished, she invited any students who were interested in hearing her own perspective to stay awhile longer. About 20 stayed.

“In the classroom I had tried to be very balanced in my approach,” she told me. “I kept them guessing as to what I really thought. But I wanted to give students the opportunity to know of my own faith and views if they were interested.”

“I Wasn't Expecting It”

Tori explained her views on abortion, capital punishment, the environment, euthanasia — and how her views were based upon her Christian faith. At one point, a student asked how someone could become a Christian. She explained the Gospel, and what it meant to put their faith in Christ.

“I invited discussion, so I was ready for questions, but I wasn't expecting such a direct question about becoming a Christian,” Tori told me. “I think it really gave students an opportunity to think about Christ, perhaps from a new perspective.”

Evenings like this one have been repeated across America this year as Christian professors find that students really are searching spiritually. Thanks for encouraging them as they live out their faith!



“To win the long term victories, we have to influence the way in which the rising generation *thinks*.”

Alister McGrath
Oxford University
Christian author and lecturer

In August, more than 18 million college students will begin another year of studies. Please pray for them to know Christ — through friends, student groups, churches — or professors who are willing to answer some of life's most important questions!

