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NET RETREAT TAKEAWAYS



"I had one boy in my small group who was very energetic. When we were talking, he always wanted to do the talking, and in the games he would be the first in line to start them. Then, after prayer ministry, everyone guieted down. After seeing the drama and listening to the talks and the kerygma, I just asked how everyone felt. I looked at the loud, energetic boy, and he was slouched down crying. He said, 'I finally get a second chance.' He said it was the first time he had ever felt comforted." - Kirk Holyk, Retreat Team 1

"I had a boy in a grade 11 small group who claimed he was atheist, but he was extremely open to everything I had to say about the faith. In prayer ministry I asked him if I could pray for him thinking he'd say no, but to my great surprise he said yes! Then when I asked him if he wanted to pray he said he didn't know how. I explained to him how to pray and he said he wanted to try praying when he got home so he would be in the comfort of his own space!"

- Marie-Anne Gagnon, Retreat Team 2



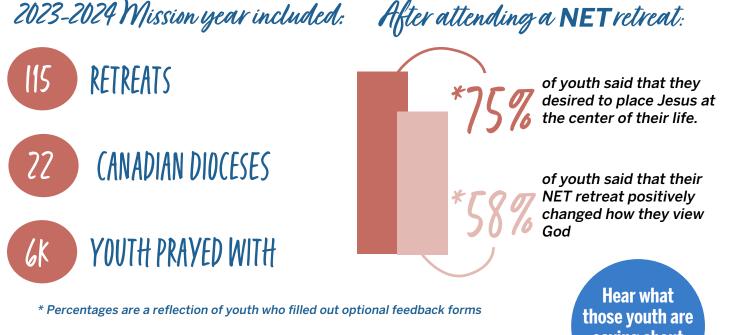


"During the final small group of the retreat I asked the question, 'Did anybody feel like they encountered God in the prayer time today?' They didn't really answer, so then I told everybody to close their eyes and put up their hand if they felt like they encountered God today and four people put up their hands! Then I asked, 'Who feels closer to God more now than they did at the start of their Retreat?' and every single one of them raised their hand. I also asked them what they thought of the prayer time and one of them said that it was a much needed chance to speak with God." - Grace Foy, Retreat Team 1

"We had two back to back retreats in the same place: one on a Thursday, and then again on Saturday. At the start of Thursday night I asked one of the youth if he was thinking of showing up for our Saturday retreat and he said no. During small group he mentioned how he wanted a relationship with God – not just his parents faith, but to start his own journey with Christ. He opened up about his struggles and then during prayer ministry he said yes to prayer and afterward he said that he felt God reaching out to him. When Saturday's retreat came along, he showed up with his parents and they mentioned that there was a big change in him after Thursday night and that he had so much joy and excitement to know about Christ and know about his faith. They said that on Thursday night he hadn't wanted to leave." - Amy Tinajero, Retreat Team 2



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hose youth are saying about NET retreats! "That no matter how much we push God away, He is always waiting for us to accept Him."

Gr 9 Student



"That I can be the person Christ is calling me to be, not the person other people label me as."

Gr 11 Student



WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST TAKEAWAY

from your NET retreat?

Gr 6 Student "That even though our lives are often busy and chaotic, we need

"I enjoyed all the tes-

timonies they shared

because it really made

me think that I can

know Jesus no matter

what."

to take time away to sit with God and reflect on our actions."

Gr 9 Student

"That it doesn't matter what people think about me because God loves me and that's all that matters."

Gr 10 Student

"How I could feel God

that day, and how I

could relate to other

people and try to talk

to God."

"How to be closer to God and put Him in the center of my life."

"That I want to get closer to God."

Gr 9 Student

"Even if I was the only person who'd ever step foot on planet earth, Jesus would still have died for me."

Gr 8 Student



Gr 6 Student



"We don't need to be perfect for God to love us."

Gr 11 Student

Gr 7 Student

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