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From the Facebook group

Here are a few highlights of the conversations happening on the One project's group on Facebook:

"Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." --Dietrich Bonhoeffer (via Elisa Brown)

The Prodigal Mother: a story (via Florida Hospital Church)

"Graceroots Movement" offers a trip to the One project gathering or Faith for Today's Mad About Marriage as contest prize." (via Allan Martin)
SYDNEY  
(July 29-30): Only 17 spots remain. Register today!

COPENHAGEN  
(November 2-3): There are 193 spots open for registration to the “Just Jesus” gathering in Denmark. The cost of attendance is being subsidized by the Danish Union of Churches, so register today for the reduced rate.

CHICAGO  
(February 11-12, 2013): In order to preserve the quality of the experience, this gathering is limited to 800 participants, and more than 200 have already registered. Register today and reserve your hotel room for two days of presentations and discussion on Jesus from the Gospels.

NEWBOLD  
(November 1-2, 2013): The 2013 gathering of the One project in Europe will be hosted by Newbold College. There will be 300 spaces available.

Donors Needed

We have already begun, but we still need support to foster the Jesus conversations beyond the gatherings. If you can help with any of these projects with direct funding or in-kind resources, please let us know.

- iPhone application development stage two ($4,000)
- Multi-media website integration ($7,000)
- One-year salary for full-time student missionary ($12000)
- Discipleship group resources ($15,000)

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Last month we gathered in Seattle, Washington, USA to consider the ONE, who is Jesus Christ. It seems to me it is easy to talk Jesus and even to live Jesus, in PART. Jesus had so many wonderful things to model and teach; I can’t imagine a human being who would reject ALL of what we had to say. The challenge is not in picking those parables or conversations or miraculous acts that agree with me. The work is in embracing Jesus in TOTAL Jesus. ALL. (Nice tag line. Another matter altogether to swallow it hook, line, and sinker.)

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Taking Jesus seriously. This is the rigorous work of many lifetimes, and even an eternity. This is how I’d define what we’re up to with the ONE project. Together, through worship, communion, teaching, prayer, and conversation, can we sharpen a vision of following Him and commit to a more dedicated life of cross-bearing?
- Gospel of Matthew
- Gospel of Mark
- Gospel of Luke
- Gospel of John
- It's All About You Jesus by Fawn Parshall
- The Cross of Christ by John Stott
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- The Jesus Way by Eugene Peterson
- Christ Plays in 10000 Places by Eugene Peterson
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- ReJesus by Frost and Hirsch
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- The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
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