



My friend and former UA football player Trevin Wade (far right) coming back to UA to speak at a Cru meeting.

## Theology Month

I drive home from campus mentally and spiritually exhausted, yet thoughts continue to flood my mind. *Am I right? What if I'm wrong? What if he's wrong? I don't think we'll ever come to an agreement.* For the past couple of months, every Monday night from 9 to 12, my friend, Armand and I meet after AIA Bible Study to discuss doctrine and theology. It is exhausting, but don't get me wrong, it's the good kind of exhausting. I've had such a joyous and enlightening time discussing theological issues in the Bible. I guess you could say this is one area that really piques my interest. At the same time it is so challenging because believers cannot and must not take God's Word lightly. We have a responsibility to be well versed in the Bible. What makes it even more challenging is passages and verses can be really confusing. On top of that, a lot of the time people have different interpretations of a passage. And that's where it comes back to me and Armand. We have such long discussions because of confusing passages and different interpretations. The funny thing is, as I think back through much of the New Testament and early church history, Christians were debating all sorts of crazy topics. Sometimes I wonder why God didn't make some issues clearer in the Scriptures. All this to say much of my ministry has been geared towards studying and researching the Scriptures. It tests my faith, but I have become a better theologian (and Christian) for it. How is your theology?

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## My Soapbox

(This is a short sharing of how God has impacted me in a profound way.)

### Overwhelming Choice Cripples Commitment

*Online dating... good or bad?* I led one of the AIA Bible Studies recently and started off with this question. It was fascinating to hear the different points of view. Okay, next question. *Do you think online dating helps or hinders commitment in relationships?* After much debate, we came to the conclusion there are both positives and negatives for online dating. My point of this introduction was to focus on our ability, or lack thereof, to make commitments to one another. I read in an article that made the argument that the more choices we have the less committed we become. This is especially happening in my generation and younger. As I look at myself and my peers it frightens me how we can't commit to ANYTHING! The vast number of choices we have leads to this self-pleasing posture. One of the athletes in the Bible Study said it best, "we want some wiggle room in case something better comes along." It's so true. To my confession there are many times that I hold out on a commitment because I want to see if there is something "better" that will come. The danger is that we run the gamut from the smallest (e.g. where to eat) to the more serious (e.g. should I marry her or is there someone better?).

I don't like leaving issues like this without some solutions. Here are some of the suggestions we came up with to help combat our inability to commit.

- Think sacrificially – commitment involves dying to ourselves and elevating others above us
- Let your 'yes' be 'yes' and 'no' be 'no' – Don't sit in the 'maybe' section. If you say 'yes' see it through. If you can't commit just say 'no.' People will understand.
- Recognize the beauty and good that comes from committing to others. It does good to your soul, builds your character, and others can count on you.

What do you think about this whole issue of choice cripples commitment?