

IMMERSION TESTIMONIES

"...I CAN SINCERELY SAY IMMERSION REALLY DID CHANGE MY LIFE. Over the past 4 years of high school I was struggling with depression and feeling really down all the time and this really took a toll on many aspects of my life. Derek started off the week talking about what rules us. I made a list of the things and while God should have been at the top, anger, sadness and fear were. We need to take captive of every thought and make them obedient to Christ. Another thing Derek talked about was how we need to constantly abide with God and ask how can we join HIM in what He is doing and this made me question whether I was doing that or not. Later in the week Alicia gave a talk on our identity. I didn't know or rather I didn't believe what my identity was in Christ. When Alicia handed us the 5 page packet of where in Scripture it says who we were it hit home and I felt SO overwhelmed with JOY! This is something I hadn't felt really in awhile. I am chosen. I am loved. I do have a purpose. All these things and more were the things I was questioning over the years. This one week in the summer of 2010 was definitely a turning point in my life and something I will never forget." - Immersion 2010 Student

"MY DAUGHTER WAS NOTICEABLY A DIFFERENT PERSON after she attended Immersion 2010. Although she was a believer in Christ, a good student, and had a good social life she seemed down more often than up in her high school years. Since Immersion I think the reverse is true. Her daily activities have not changed that much but she deals with life in a much more positive and constructive way. Something special happened at Immersion this past summer that lifted her up out of depression. I think she still battles with depression now but the battle has become the Lord's. I'm so grateful to Derek and Alicia. Their teaching of God's holy word has changed a woman for the better. Depression was exchanged for Joy. Real Joy that lasts an eternity." - Father of an Immersion Student

"EVERY DAY IT WAS LIKE I WAS HEARING SOMETHING BRAND NEW, each very applicable to my life. Immersion was a new page of fearlessness with Christ for me, learning not to be afraid of making mistakes even if it means going way out of my comfort zone and trusting him with everything I've got. I loved how every day we were given the opportunity to put what we learned into action along with continually blessing the community around us that week. WE ARE LOVED. Easily the best week of my life." - Immersion 2010 Student

"IMMERSION COMPLETELY SHIFTED MY PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE, other people, prayer and God. I learned amazing, practical applications that seemed so obvious and yet life changing. I couldn't believe I'd gone sixteen years without such precious knowledge. The most impactful lesson I took away was that God wants us to live in reckless abandon, chasing after Him while also doing the things we love. We can succeed immensely or fail completely. Either way, He's crazy in love with us!" - Immersion 2010 Student

"I LEARNED SO MANY THINGS ON IMMERSION THAT IMPACTED MY LIFE GREATLY. I have learned to prayer walk and to be even more passionate about LIFE. The big thing I took from the trip however was the idea of serving and blessing those around us. I always thought that going to another country was the way to do missions, but I learned that we should be an impact to those in our everyday lives and in our own city so that we can make a greater difference in our everyday life." - Immersion 2010 Student

"THE FIRST THING THAT STUCK OUT TO ME from this trip was how well the schedule was planned out. With starting the weekend off in the wilderness and getting the students out of their comfort zone, that was an essential and prayerful blessing to this trip. The rest of the schedule was a tremendous and well thought out time of devotions, teaching, prayer walking, worship, work projects, fun dinners, and relaxation to cap off a great week. The second thing that was so crucial to the week was seeing the lifestyle and community that is lived out in the BSHOP. This should help those who attended realize that following Jesus will be the greatest and most joyful cost of their life. The last thing that truly impacted our group this week was the BSHOP's commitment to their neighborhood. Thank you so much for showing us what following Jesus looks like in your community." - Youth Group Leader