



WMPL DISCIPLESHIP HOUSE UPDATE by Sam, Anna, Jenna and Savannah.

A retreat, podcasting, and a conference: some of the many ways we are growing through experience at the Discipleship House (DH).

Twenty young people gathered on All Saints Day to spend the weekend with us at the Mission Home for our annual young adult retreat. We provided them with a space to rest through worship, for prayer, and enjoy home cooked meals, as well as grow in an understanding of the persecuted church with messages from our Prayer League missionaries. It was a time of fellowship, growth, and service for the DH and we were grateful for the opportunity to bless those who participated.

Not long after that, the DH was given the opportunity to produce a podcast session for every other Wednesday on Forgivin' Livin', a ministry of Ground Up Grace, that uses the Daily Text as a guide for devotions. We set a rhythm of gathering at the coffee table after our house dinner to discuss potential directions for the conversation before

recording the session, complete with an original Shepherd's Voice prayer and closing worship song. Listen to our first® episode at: groundupgrace.com/podcasts/11-05-2025.

One other opportunity to grow in practice came in the form of Concordia University's annual Beautiful Feet Conference, held in Wisconsin in November. Jenna, Savannah, and Sam attended all 3 days of the event along with representatives of the Prayer League.

The DH shared about our program while also serving alongside the student body and learning more about apologetics and its connection to missions.

The 2025 term has come to an end and we are eager to see how 2026 rolls out.

We want to share with you some of the ways God has been teaching each of us in this season along with some prayer requests:

"I have come to realize in the past few weeks the power of sharing with one another in prayer. Often, I leave my own prayer requests unspoken for a variety of reasons. Sometimes it feels that it would take too much explaining to share, or I don't want unnecessary attention, or it would be a burden to others. However, I recently shared with people my prayer request about finding a practicum placement for my graduate program this year. People came around me throughout the process by sharing connections, praying over my interviews, and ultimately rejoicing and praising God with me when I received an offer. Seasons of waiting are uncomfortable but there is peace in the community of prayer." — Anna

"Since August, I've seen all sorts of responses (miraculous, not what I hoped, or still waiting) from God to my prayers. A member of our young adult community just had a grandparent, who we'd prayed for, come to faith at 92. Praise God! I prayed for clear direction from the Lord and He gave it to me, just not the direction I wanted (maybe He was confused about what I really wanted?). I continue to pray for people close in my life that are searching for the truth but haven't yet come to the conclusion that Truth is a Person. Through all of these petitions with different results, I've come to a deeper realization that my attempts to hold onto something solid are futile, and that it is truly God that is holding on to me. The more I try to control or grab hold of my life and future, the less peace I experience. I am learning (at a rather slow pace), that the Lord hears all of my prayers, and that even when his answers are not what I wished, I can rest in the fact that the response comes from a good God that loves me and the people I pray for more than I ever could." - Sam

"These couple of months the Lord has been putting grace on my heart. Being perfectionistically minded I struggle to be okay with needing grace at all which makes receiving it from God, others, and even myself hard. Though logically I know that I am incapable of perfection and can do nothing but receive grace for my unavoidable failures, it can be so easy to misconstrue grace as something I am either deserving of or not. Something that if I just work hard enough, I can earn or else lose. The Lord has been gently unveiling the faults in my understanding of myself and of his Gospel that

while I was helpless he loved me enough to give his own life for mine and in that moment bound me to himself once and for all. That this day I can do nothing to earn or lose his grace for me, it just is. All I can do is receive it." - Jenna

"God has been teaching me so many lessons over these months. Perhaps the best way to summarize them is with the word "patience." God has consistently shown me over the course of this past year how unique and good his timing is. He is reminding me to wait on him with peace and joy in uncertainty. But he has also been teaching me patience in terms of accepting my shortcomings and the shortcomings of others. So much of doing life well in community depends on being aware of the needs of those involved, myself included. Through this process, God is reminding me to be gentle with myself and with others. Through a recent reading of the book *Low Anthropology*, my eyes have been opened to the universal experience of frustration and dissatisfaction in life and that God encourages me to continue faithfully in His pattern of patience and grace in my daily walk with Him." — Savannah

We are grateful for each one of you and thank you for all your continuous support and prayers as we begin 2026.

Pray...

- for the DH participants as they begin a new semester, may they have renewed excitement for the many opportunities that accompany the new year.
- for Sam as he leaves the DH community and transitions back to his college community and his final semester at Wheaton College.
- for Jenna and Savannah as they take on additional responsibilities in the Prayer League office, that they would find joy and fulfillment in their work
- that DH participants would take all they have learned from last year and apply it while continuing to discern God's call on their lives.