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BLD NEWARK COVENANT COMMUNITY

MY JOHN 6 CROSSING EXPERIENCE

"Before I went to John 6 Crossing #6, I didn't know that it would change my life so dramatically- it was amazing. I didn't go to the retreat for much of a reason. I only went there because my friends were going. When the retreat began on Friday, I expected it to be a fun weekend just with my friends, but I was wrong. God was there the whole time. In the retreat, God touched me and changed my life for the better. The stories of the sharers made me cry and notice everything that I've done wrong. They made me realize how wonderful God's grace is. At confession, I had the same feeling that God was bringing me closer to Him. I didn't know how much fun you could have by just praising God. Tears of joy ran down my cheeks after the retreat, knowing that God has entered my life and will stay there. JC6 was a big change in my life that I will remember forever."

"What I learned at the John 6 Crossing is to be more truthful to God and to yourself. Also, to love everybody even the people you do not like. Another thing I learned is that I may not need my parents to look after me all the time but I do need them to love and support me. At the retreat, I proved to myself that I am responsible enough to take care of myself. The Crossing has changed me because now, at church and at BLD worships, I will be singing the praise songs instead of just standing or sitting there. Also, I will pray more often, not only at church but also at home, at school and everywhere I might be. The last day was both sad and happy for me. It was sad because I would miss the new friends that I have made and because I will probably not see them until the next time I go to the Friday worship or until we have a JC6 reunion. I was happy because I was going back home to my family and old friends."

*"The John 6 Crossing retreat was an unforgettable weekend for me. I met a lot of people and made new friends. I got closer to God and learned that He will always be there for you. You can never hide from Him; He is always around. God knows everything. He knows your past, present, and future. I also learned that Jesus doesn't care what you've done before; He will always love and forgive you. I am thankful that Jesus died on the cross for me. "Jesus is my plus sign." I even cried to the sad stories of the sharers. I thought I wouldn't cry at all but once I started to listen to the sharing, I realized I was crying and tears were just pouring out of my eyes. I loved going to the retreat. Right now, I am more excited and always looking forward to go to the BLD worships since Crossing. **My heart is restless until it rests in you..** Well to end this article, I'm going to say this, "I got a Savior and He's living in me!"*

Sharing from John 6 Ministry Members ~ ages 12-15 years old