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## Not Relevant

“Steven” is a former ASU Masters student from India who got a local IT job two years ago, and has been active with Bridges for more than five years. I would describe him as often being the clown in the room - frequently saying silly things to get a laugh, while silently processing deeper thoughts. (I can say, with much certainty, that if you received this letter, you know someone like this, yourself. 😊) But he is also intellectually honest and doesn’t accept everything he is told without complete understanding. As a result he can easily get someone “on the ropes” as he intensely questions them about matters of faith.

Last semester Steven was a regular in one of our small, weekly, “family groups”, and on more than one occasion it was reported that he nearly exasperated the group leader when discussing spiritual matters. After the last of these challenging interchanges he came to the realization that his argumentative discussions may be hindering our goal of leading people to faith in Jesus, and he decided to drop out of subsequent Bridges activities.

As you can imagine I was saddened to learn of the “loss” of this young man with whom we had built such a relationship over the years, and was concerned that he might no longer have any significant spiritual influence in his life. I arranged a meeting with Steven encourage him to continue asking questions to gain a deeper understanding for making decisions of faith. I also wanted to assure him that he is still welcome to participate with us (although I did point out that his intensity could be dialed back a bit when in a group setting 😊). During our meeting he leveled with me and explained that he just couldn’t see the relevance of Christianity to his life. As I reminded him how a relationship with Jesus can provide hope, joy, peace, and direction in his life, he dismissed those benefits as unnecessary to him.

I’m convinced that God is still working in Steven’s life, whether he admits it or not, and the evidence which I submit for this is; I have seen him regularly at church services, coming on his own, and sitting with others from our Bridges community, for the last couple of months. **I earnestly solicit your partnership in prayer for Steven - that the Holy Spirit would convict him of his need for a savior, and that he would understand the abounding riches that await all who call on Him.**

## Summer Bridges



Through May and June we are offering activities to continue building relationships with the students. Last week we went miniature golfing (pictured on the left) and afterwards hung out in a restaurant. In the coming weeks we will go ice skating and go to a Diamondbacks game. **Please pray for hearts to be softened to the gospel.**

Thank you for your partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.