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# The View From Here...

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### IN THIS EDITION:

- jip: Jesus, Justice & Poverty
- What I'm doing on campus
- Spring Break plans!

"Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves..." proverbs 31:8

Jesus, Justice, and  
Poverty



rehumanization  
through the  
eyes of  
another



### What jip was all about:

One spiritual question Jesus didn't avoid is how we treat our neighbors. We might think that is an easy question to answer, but it's rife with everyday nuances and difficulties. How does it affect our relationships with our family? How does it affect our approval or disapproval of the war in Iraq? How does it affect the way we see our neighbors to the South? These are questions that have often been left to politics, though they are deeply spiritual questions as well.

On February 23rd, jip tried to answer these questions and give the 189 San Diego students that attended a vision of where Jesus and their faith fits into confronting injustice found right here in our city, and in our world. To find out more about jip go to [www.jjpsd.org](http://www.jjpsd.org) for a more complete summary.

### David went to the conference and spoke to our large group about it that week:

*"JJP opened my eyes to the deep need and poverty in San Diego. I want to step out of my comfort zone and get*

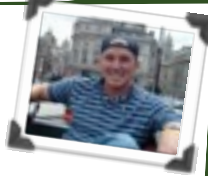
*involved in the community in a sacrificial way. I want to get to know people's stories and find out how I can be a part of making real change happen."*



### my roles this semester:

**Worship Leader/ Trainer:** I am mentoring Vanessa, one of our freshmen lead vocalists, in how to be a worship leader with me for our Wednesday night large groups. I've led worship in much smaller settings, but never in this capacity. It's fun allowing God to stretch me in new ways.

**Prayer Team:** One of our student leaders, Christy, and I are meeting to learn about how to lead our fellowship in prayer during our Tuesday afternoon prayer meetings and for our large group. I'm training her to ask God for vision about where prayer fits into our whole ministry.



### Spring Break at Catalina

One of my favorite activities InterVarsity does, March 30th-April 4th, we will be taking students to Catalina Island over Spring Break to do an in-depth study of the Gospel of Mark.

We will take our students deeper into scripture than they ever thought possible. I'm excited to see Jesus come alive to them in fresh, new ways as they learn to see biblical stories in their historical, cultural, and Old Testament contexts.

please join me in prayer...

### jip follow-up:

- For our students as we continue to learn what God has to say about the poor and oppressed; and what our role is in bringing God's justice to our city and our world.
- For the city of San Diego which continues to experience poverty, oppression, racism, violence, and brokenness.

### Spring Break

- For 20-25 students from San Marcos to attend.
- For Scholarship money to be available to all students who need it.
- For me as this will be my first time leading the Mark manuscript study!

### Financial Provision

- As my internship with Solana Beach Presbyterian Church ends in June, I'm going to need to raise an additional 50% (\$22,000) of my budget to stay fully funded into the next fiscal year. Please continue to pray for me and the ministry.
- Pray for the continued funding of my other two teammates, Anne and Ramiro. Our ministry can only function at its best when we are all able to be fully on campus. (Total ministry budget @ CSUSM: \$160,000)