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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This week, I took a group of students to a seminar called "Tough Questions" to hear two international Christian authors: Rebecca McLaughlin, who has a PhD from Cambridge University (England), and Rachel Gilson from Yale University (USA).

These authors shared their personal journeys with God and invited students to think deeper about modern issues. They spoke about diversity and reminded us that Jesus broke cultural and racial barriers to invite all sorts of people to heaven. They encouraged us to rethink morality from Jesus' perspective, emphasizing that there is no room for self-righteousness and that it is toxic.

After the talks, there was a Q&A session where the students could ask any question they wanted. The answers were biblical, thoughtful, and kind.



As you can see from my poor photo, the students had a great time. They had their thinking challenged and expanded upon. One student told me that even though they did not agree with everything, they really appreciated being there. Even the chaplain was challenged by some of the ideas. Let me share a few quotes that got me thinking:

"I can't pretend the gospel is not real because it is inconvenient for my lifestyle."

"If you will only obey someone when you understand and agree, maybe you are God?!"

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