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[Among the Urban Community]

AMUC Testimonies

"My first experience with **AMUC** now marks a key point in my life. To me, it is almost as significant as giving my life to Christ, and ranks alongside being baptised, and my first mission trip overseas. It is as poignant as moving house, graduating high school or being refreshed from a significant holiday. It can be quite challenging as you grapple with life through a different lens. Justice issues are uncovered, the Kingdom of God unfolds and you partake in a journey unheard of. I would do it again any day. The people you meet, the discussions you'll have, the emotions you may feel and the space you may find yourself in are precious and priceless.

Though I've tried many times, there are almost no words to describe the AMUC experience! Everyone learns, grows and experiences new things in such different ways (which I feel) are rarely available elsewhere. It is both a safe space and a place you would never walk into without assurance of the end result being well worth it...which I assure you it definitely is!! So, be brave! Going on **AMUC** can definitely change your life. It certainly did mine and I will never be the same again!

It isn't a crazy youth camp, mission trip, camping expedition, small group discussion, school excursion or prac placement, yet there are elements of each of these experiences. It's fun, challenging, reflective, exciting, interesting and there is nothing else quite like it! I'd say, be courageous, risk the adventure...you'll resurface transformed."

Mon Wheatley - previous **AMUC** participant

"**AMUC** has been an experience that I have valued so much that I have come back several times since just to sit amongst groups of amazing people of faith, be challenged about what the reality of living Gods mission in my own community looks like and to hear from speakers that have resonated with me.

Going on a journey with people to be shaken up about how much is happening all around us and the struggles everyday Australians are facing challenged me about how I respond to that as a person of faith in a way that is both genuine and can have a real impact.

AMUC has dramatically impacted so many of my ongoing life decisions from how I spend my money, my lifestyle and even how I interact with strangers on the street. I can't recommend it enough."

Elaine Jensen - previous **AMUC** participant

"**AMUC** was an experience that formed my understanding of faith in action, and exposed me to a worldview that is now central to my faith in God. Highly recommended for any- one seeking to bring Jesus to the world around us."

Jaye Van Wollingen - previous **AMUC** participant

“Darren” was a churched young person from an upper middle-class church who on the first day of **AMUC** got his feet washed by “Bob” as part of a session.

Bob was a young man who came on **AMUC**, yet he was presently homeless. He had lived a life on drugs, being unemployed and was born with fetal alcohol syndrome; he was born with no fingers. As Bob washed Darren's feet both men began to cry and I felt God was doing something in both of them.

I took Darren aside afterwards and asked him about what was happening for him. He said, "I felt like I was Peter at the Last Supper and Jesus came to me as a homeless man with leprosy and was washing my feet. I felt so humbled and loved but also ashamed because I have never met any homeless people and I realised that I may never have met Jesus because He reveals himself in the least.

Then I took Bob aside and asked what had happened for him. He replied, "Isn't there a story in the bible about a prostitute who washed Jesus feet and he said, 'your sins are forgiven'? He said, "I felt that Jesus said that to me".

This story goes to the heart of **AMUC** and the heart of God for Australian Christians. We need to allow Scripture to expose our broken-ness and, as we connect with marginalised people we both find redemption together. We need each other. Does that make sense?

Steve McKinnon – AMUC Leader

AMUC 2017 Participants

