

# STU'S DEUTSCHLAND DISPATCH

## Perspective of a typical student...

Over the course of the past two years, I have had countless conversations with students in Berlin. Despite the vast diversity of these students – age, gender, nationality, religious background, life experiences, personality, etc. – I have noticed several prevalent ideas and perspectives. I thought it might be helpful or interesting for you to hear what students are saying.

*What is the nature of God?*  
 “It’s not possible to know if God actually exists or not, so it doesn’t matter to me. Since I did not grow up with any religion, I am not very interested in God.”

*How do you view Humanity?*  
 “People are born with no inclination to be good or bad, but do good and bad things depending on their environment and how they were raised.”

*What is your purpose in life?*  
 “I want to be happy. I also think it is important to live for others and for the good of humanity. I try to find a balance of living for myself and living for others.”

*Who is Jesus?* “If Jesus really existed he was a great spiritual leader who gave the people of his time hope and he had a lot of progressive ideas. But, I don’t believe Jesus was the Son of God or that he performed the miracles in the Bible.”

*How do you determine spiritual truth?* “I think that what is true for one person is not necessarily true for another. I think some people need to believe in God because it helps them, but I don’t need God - at least not now. I can’t believe in something I can’t see with my own eyes or touch with my own hands. People can believe in any god they want as long as they are tolerant of other religions and views.”

The longer I am here, the more I realize the importance of focusing conversations on Jesus. Without a proper perspective of who Jesus is, what he said, and what he did, it seems impossible for students to ever let go of the smooth sounding post-modern worldview that attracts so many people in Berlin.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that God would continue to reveal himself to students and open their eyes to see their need of the gospel.
- Pray that God would provide many opportunities for the 31 U.S. students coming for a 5 week Summer Project to share the gospel and have impact in Berlin.

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*John 14:6 – Jesus said to them, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

