

The Lowedown

An update on the life and ministry of Dave & Jennifer Lowe



Senior Leadership Initiative

How do you describe something that literally transforms your life? How can words be put to an experience that helps you to grow in your confidence to lead, and which helps you grow closer to the Lord in the process? That is what I (Jen) am tasked to do in this month's edition of The Lowedown.

Back in July of 2011 I became a part of the **Senior Leadership Initiative (SLI)**. This is a program within all of Cru that invites 25-30 leaders to build into them to learn how to lead "at 10 times their scope." This past July when we were in Colorado I graduated from the program. I'd like to share a few highlights of the last two years:

- I was paired up with a coach from the business world who mentored me in leadership values and principles. Judy, a businesswoman from Florida, met with me via Skype every other week for the last two years to help walk me through what it looks like to lead well.
- I took part in a 6 month research project that dealt with a problem within Cru that needed attention. The skills I gained during those 6 months have been invaluable in my leadership development. We will share more about parts of this leadership project next month in our newsletter.
- Overall, the 2 years that I spent doing SLI have transformed how I view leadership. I have grown in my confidence as a leader by leaps and bounds. This confidence helps me to step out in faith and take leadership positions with less fear, and more trust in the Lord and the way that He has gifted me to lead.



I'm excited to report that the Leadership Design Team of SLI asked me to be a part of their team, and I accepted. The Design team helps to run SLI and develop leaders. This new round of SLI (in its 5th round now) is a great group of leaders. I'm looking forward to being with them all in October.

Next month, Dave and I are excited to share with all of you about our faith journey, and the next steps that we believe the Lord has in store for us with our ministry. Stay tuned to hear more about it!



Top: Jen with Judy, her SLI coach, at her graduation ceremony in Colorado

Bottom: The SLI Round 4 graduating class

*Love,
Dave & Jen*