

I wish you could have been there to see the last Salt Company of the semester. If so, you would have gotten a beautiful picture of all that God did from January-May. We had a 2 hour long worship session led by the Anthem worship band (see [www.anthemworship.org](http://www.anthemworship.org)), a video testimony from a student who was rescued from darkness and adopted into the family of God, live art being drawn of a cross, communion for 1000 people, and the evening was capped off by 26 students being baptized to proclaim their faith in and allegiance to Christ. What an awesome night!

One of the girls who got baptized has been in my small group for the past 2 years. This is the testimony she shared right before she was baptized:

*My name is Lauren Fader, and I am a senior at Iowa State. I was baptized as a baby, and I grew up in a Christian home. I attended Catholic schools for my entire education up to college. I am extremely grateful for my parents and how they raised me and my religious education, but I never felt a true connection to Christ through any of it. My life was very compartmentalized, and the “religious” part of my life felt more like a duty and a checklist (say my prayers, go to church...) than something I wanted or needed to do.*

*In high school, I fell into the party scene pretty early. It wasn't necessarily something I would have chosen, but it was all around me, and I felt like it was the only way to go and the only thing to do. The way I looked at it, there were people I knew doing things a lot worse than I was, so I wasn't doing anything that wrong.*

*I continued this lifestyle when I came to college, believing that outside of playing soccer, this was what I was supposed to be doing because it was college after all. I tried to convince myself that I fit in with the partying and the people I was doing it with, but it never really felt right. It almost felt forced. I know that God was calling me to something more.*

*I had attended Salt Co. since freshmen year, but never really got very involved until my junior year. I joined a connection group, and that is where things really started to change for me. Then, this past spring, I attended the Salt spring retreat and went on the trip to Haiti over spring break. These two experiences were major turning points for me in my faith. God completely took hold of my heart and opened my eyes to what a life in Christ can and should be. Now I know where I belong, and though I have a long way to go, I know that I am on the right path and that God is my constant companion along the way.*

It's pretty easy to say I love my job! I've known Lauren for 4 years and it's been a joy to watch God tug on her heart and see her finally respond to Him!

Thank you so much for your support! I truly believe there is no better place to invest your money and prayers for the Kingdom of God than The Salt Company. I often think of Philippians 4:17 when I think of all of you: *Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.* Because I can never thank you enough, I take great comfort and joy in knowing that YOUR account in heaven is being credited

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