

WHAT MATTERS?

an inspiring program about making a difference



This dynamic presentation is based on the documentary film *What Matters?*, a feature length documentary about three friends, two idealistic Christians and one skeptic Atheist, attempting to live in extreme poverty (on \$1.25 a day) across 3 continents. The adventure takes a devastating turn when two of them survive a deadly plane crash in Africa, and all three must fight to finish what they started.

Through their film and Q&A, the filmmakers will make the case that this generation can have a profound impact on the issues that break their heart. Using personal stories, humor and technology, your audience will be engaged by their mission to "connect those who need something to live for with those who just need something to live."

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT *What Matters?*

"The *What Matters?* presentations went great! [The guys'] group dynamic is uniquely fabulous and allows nearly everyone in the audience to relate to at least one of them."

Kristen, student leader at William Woods University

"The student response was phenomenal! I have received emails, visits to my office, and stops in the hallway just to tell me how much they enjoyed the presentation."

Professor Wagganer, Instructor of Sociology at St. Louis Community College, Florissant Valley

"You all have this amazing combination of being hilarious but then so insightful at the same time. You have a way of connecting with people that is special."

Kendra T, Program Advisor, Bridgewater State University

"Rob, Dan, and Dave exceeded my expectations!

They were fantastic speakers and had a great program. I've had quite a bit of feedback from faculty, staff, and students about how pleased and inspired they were.

Liz R, Director of Multicultural Affairs, Alfred State

MEET THE TEAM



Dan Parris, (Director/Subject), owner of Speak Up Productions LLC, is the filmmaker, and activist, whose lingering questions after returning from Africa serve as the fuel for the film *What Matters?*. With a B.A. in Film Production from Biola University, Dan is currently making ground-breaking feature films that have a positive impact on the world.



David Peterka (Assistant Producer/Subject) is an experienced activist and traveler with unbreakable optimism. He has completed his degree in Intercultural and Urban Missions and directs the non-profit, 'When the Saints', whose goal is defending, rescuing and maintaining the rights of the oppressed, focusing on victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking in Malawi in Southeast Africa.



Rob Lehr (Assistant Producer/Subject) is an offensive, yet delightful filmmaker and friend who shares his views no matter how you may feel about them. He has a degree in Business from Missouri State University. Rob's ability to be open and raw as the skeptic of the journey provides much of the drama and comedic relief of the film.

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