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BRINGING ATHLETES CLOSER TO GOD IN A REAL WAY

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Hello!

Monday Meetings for AIA... Finally!

Our big meeting for AIA is every other Monday and because of a scheduling conflict with class I haven't been able to attend any of those meetings. However, Spring Break came and changed up the Mondays I have class, so I was finally able to go to my first Monday meeting! It was a great encouragement to see so many student athletes participate. We've been averaging 30 or more. These meetings are great to reach the masses with a short message/lesson, but more importantly, this is a great touch point to start relationships hopefully to engage them at a more personal and deeper level.

Jay-Z Is A Christian?

Well I'm not sure about Jay-Z the rapper, but my friend Sean Carter (Jay-Z's real name) recently came to faith. The best part is his enthusiasm and zeal for the faith! I see so much excitement and desire to grow. It's not too often I see that in believers. He's always asking questions about the Scriptures. We meet on Tuesdays for discipleship and at the end of our last meeting I told him to start asking his friends about their spiritual beliefs. His response was an excited, "Oh I got homework... Homework I wanna do!"

A March Wedding

My friends, Wendy and Wayne got married on March 5th! I don't know about you, but I love weddings! They are so much fun when you know a lot of the people there. On top of that, they gave me the honor of reading Scripture during the ceremony. Thanks and congrats again you two!

A New Perspective On Material Possessions

We're going over some of the parables of Jesus on Friday nights at my church. One night we went over the Parable of the Rich Fool (found in Luke 12:13-21). As I was studying it, verse 15 really stood out to me, which says, "Then He (Jesus) said to them, **Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.**" The latter half that says, "for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions" struck a deep cord with me.

So here's my new perspective. I feel like we should have a "who cares" attitude with possessions. If I am rich, well then I am rich... If I am poor, well then I am poor. Paul had this attitude as well because he knew what it was to be rich and poor (read Philippians 4:10-14). As followers of Christ, our identity does not lie in our possessions, rather it lies in Christ. I think the problem we run into is *we think about material possessions way too much!* We need to focus more of our time on God and more important things in life. So yeah, I still have more I could share, but I'm running out of space!

Hope everyone is doing well!
Jeremy



Here I am bothering Wendy and Wayne during their dinner. It's okay though! This was the best time to grab them for a picture.



A couple of football players getting ready for our Monday Meeting! We watched a video from a series called **Basic** featuring Francis Chan.

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