

AIA WITH J WONG

BRINGING ATHLETES CLOSER TO GOD IN A REAL WAY

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What is the Purpose of Life?

This month I set out on a journey to find the answer to the question, “What is the purpose of life?” I knew the journey was going to be arduous, but I was up to the task. Immediately questions and doubts began to fill my mind. *What does the Bible say? What does God say? Is there even an answer?* Time and time again I came up empty handed. I knew I needed to figure this out. People were counting on me. I toiled and strove to find a worthy answer. My journey culminated on the 26th where I shared my discovery with a captivated group eager to find the purpose to life. Okay, okay so it might not have been as adventurous as I make it out to be, but believe me this is a hard question to answer.

This semester, my AIA staff and I have been tackling “7 Key Questions” pertaining to life. I was given this specific question in hopes that we can give athletes a solid, biblically answer. This is an important question because people want to know there is purpose to life. And more specifically they want to know what *their* purpose is in life. In the end, I believe my answer honored God, which is really all I can hope for. What do you think the purpose of life is?

Fulfilling the Great Commission

Jesus told His followers to make disciples. As the semester has gotten underway and my schedule settles, I’ve had the privilege of meeting with and discipling 6 guys. I finally get to put my training into practice! Discipleship has got to be one of my favorite parts of my ministry. One of the best things about it is each guy is different. I definitely need to seek the Lord for Him to show me how I can best minister to them. The Lord is definitely working in their lives and I get the privilege of coming along side of them as they walk with Jesus! I also realize that the Lord is teaching me new things through them.

One of the things I have been pushing is getting them to think through their own testimony. Their personal story of how they came to faith is strong and effective, not to mention it helps them see how the Lord has worked in their lives even before they became Christian. Hopefully this will be a spark for them to start sharing their story with others.

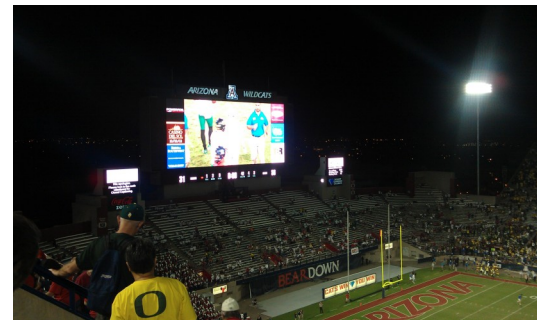
Oregon Chapel... 2-0

Two years ago I was given the opportunity to do the chapel service for the Oregon Ducks football team. On the 24th I was given the chance again. Sad to say, Oregon beat us both times. Maybe I shouldn’t do the chapel for them anymore *wink wink* just kidding. All kidding aside, it was a great learning experience for me. It wasn’t the actual chapel that I gave, but reflecting on it afterwards with my Campus Director Jon really helped shed some light on my public speaking skills. Now I feel a bit more comfortable the next time I have a speaking engagement. All in all, there were about 30-35 guys consisting of players and coaches. I shared with them the importance of connecting with God through solitude. Hopefully they took something away from my message.

With God,
Jeremy



Athletes from our Monday Night Meeting. I was preparing to speak on the purpose of life, while they were having fun playing a Minute to Win it game!



Our new screen in our football stadium. This was during the Oregon vs. UA football game. That screen is ridiculously huge and super clear!



Hmmm... What *is* the purpose of life? I bet this guy knows.