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# Bringing Athletes Closer to God in a Real Way

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## My Soapbox

(This is just a short sharing I wanted to add as something God has really been hitting me with, something that I am excited and passionate about.)

Hearing the voice of God has been heavily on my heart and mind for the past 6-9 months. Throughout most of my faith journey, I haven't distinctly heard God's voice. Sure, there have been a few times where I really feel the Lord speaking to me, but it's not as consistent and clear cut as (1) the Bible displays and (2) I would like it to be. So I've really been seeking His voice and it's been such a wonderful time. Little by little I hear His voice clearer and louder. I will say that if you are earnestly seeking Him, He will speak to you.



Rose Bowl!!! Such a good game! We had some pretty good seats, but even better parking.

#### Changing of the Guards

My Campus Director, Jon, is in his last semester of campus ministry before he transitions to a new role within AIA. So as a matter of passing on the baton, he has given me and Ben ownership of the ministry by making us Co-Directors. I must say this is a humbling, yet exciting experience so far though I haven't done too much. I wouldn't say I am a natural born leader, which definitely gets me out of my comfort zone, but it's going to be a great time to grow.



Our Servant Team minus one lady! (from left to right) Sean, me, Daniel, Armand, Krista, Maddie, Emily, and Brennan.

### **Meeting New Coaches**

My fellow staffer (and football chaplain), Doug, introduced the rest of our staff team to two of the new Strength & Conditioning coaches. They were very friendly and nice and luckily gave us the same access to the weight room as our previous strength coach. I am so thankful for the relationship we have with the UA athletic community, which allows us so much access here. Hopefully, we'll continue to develop trust with the new football coaches.

#### I Smell Roses

I went to the Rose Bowl!!! Jon was able to acquire some tickets from some of the guys he knows with the Wisconsin football program. So Jon, his friend Jason, and I took a short road trip to Cali. We had a great time hanging out, catching up, and watching an excellent football game! The best part was the opportunity to lead a Bible Study for the Wisconsin players the night before the game. There was a group of about 20 of us all packed into a hotel room delving into the Scriptures, discussing the importance of the small steps we take as followers of Christ.

#### Servant Team

Student leadership is a beautiful thing. After more than a year, and with the right students in place, we decided to put together a team of student leaders, which we call our Servant Team. I see such potential in each of the 4 ladies and 3 guys on our team. I am so thrilled about these students and better yet, I am discipling two of the men! We've held a couple of meetings that consisted of teaching, but mainly fellowship for them to get to know one another. There is already great chemistry in the team. Hopefully, as the semester progresses, we will give them ownership of the ministry more and more.

Blessings, Jeremy