

AIA WITH J WONG

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.)

Can you take me to darkness?

My friend, Gebben, shared a story he heard from a lady speaking at a conference about a little girl buying a flashlight. This girl loves flashlights. One day she was shopping at Wal-Mart with her family and her mom decided to buy a flashlight for her. As she was playing with it in the store, she went to her mom and asked, "Mommy, I can't see the light from this flashlight because it's too bright in here. Can you take me to darkness?" The point of the story? This is what Jesus wants from His followers. If we are the light of this world, we cannot shine the light in well lit places. We need to go into darkness. I pray that I have the heart to ask God, "**Can you take me to darkness?**"

Rising to the Occasion

I love our Servant Team! We've been working with them for a little less than two months, but they have been so impressive and encouraging. We have given them many assignments and responsibilities and they have answered the call. One of the tasks was to use a witnessing tool called "Soularium" with someone. They are cards with different pictures to which you ask a series of questions that hopefully lead to spiritual conversations. One of my disciples, Daniel, was able to use "Soularium" with two ladies during a trip for the women's basketball team. Both ladies had very positive comments and Daniel was able to get insight into their stories! In addition to wanting them to engage with their friends, we have asked them to start leading Bible Studies. Katie and Krista (our staff) have said the ladies have done a great job so far and in March we are starting to have our guys lead. Please pray for them as we build them up for hopefully a lifetime of God's work.



Servant Team Time! Doug & Chloe leading us through the topic of life changing discipleship.

Ready to Quit on Him...

It was a Monday morning and I was talking with Ben (staff) about a guy from the baseball team. He met with us last semester, but the start of this semester was shaky to say the least. Many times he had cancelled on our meeting time and it just seemed like he was losing interest. In my mind, I decided to not chase after him anymore, but just keep things cordial. Literally moments later, we saw him walking across the McKale floor with some of his teammates. As we waved to him, he ran up the bleachers to talk with us. The next 15 minutes was so encouraging as he talked about his walk with God, his desire to meet with us, and his struggles with temptations as a college athlete.

God works in awesome ways. In ministry, there are times when you have to let people go, but I guess this was one of the times where God said *persevere*.

Attributes of God, but Love is in the Air

Our theme for this semester's big meeting is the attributes of God. As ministry leaders, I believe one of our responsibilities is giving people an accurate and ravishing vision of God. I gave a talk at our first meeting to introduce our subject matter. Yet, in February we took a week off to talk about relationships for Valentine's Day. Ben and Krista shared the difference between godly dating and worldly dating. I think it was exactly what the students needed. It's so sad to see how the world views dating, yet I know God can redeem dating for His glory.

For the rest of the semester we'll be back to focusing on the attributes of God.

Loving God & Ministry,
Jeremy



Ben & Krista sharing about relationships. It's really dim but the screen says, "God's Guide to Dating."