



Evangelism Discipleship Sending

Asking good questions is both a science and a skill. The science is knowing the questions to ask. And the skill is simply practicing asking those questions. There are a few questions that I have asked hundreds or thousands of people. The first is, “What is your spiritual story?” From atheists to Muslims to Christians to my literal neighbors this allows me to be curious and to have an important conversation. Often it leads to the next two questions. The first is, “How sure



Elijah with Brandon and Raegan — Side note...this was Brandon and Raegan’s first time roasting hot dogs!

are you that if you died today you’d go to heaven?” And the second is “If God asked you why He should let you in to His heaven what would you tell Him?” *(To be clear this second question won’t actually happen!)*

Let me tell you the story of asking those questions to two students. **The first story** is of Brandon, a baseball player at St. Marys University. He is dating a softball player also at St. Marys. Brandon shared his story of starting out going to church but getting really busy with baseball and then church falling by the wayside. But what was interesting was how he felt this pull back to church. So over the past six months he had started going to church with his new girlfriend and they both were attending AIA. He answered my first question with a “100% I’m sure.” So far so good...the problem was when he answered the next question. He said, “I’m trying to do all the things God wants me to do.” And while this is great effort I had to tell him, “Brandon, that’s the wrong answer.” I got to explain the gospel of grace to him and later that night I got a message from him telling me that he had prayed to receive Jesus!

The second story is two months later when Brandon and his girlfriend came over for dinner. We were waiting for the fire to burn down just a bit to roast hot dogs and I asked those same questions to Raegan. Brandon is sitting there listening. Raegan tells her story and shares the importance of Jesus, faith, and church in her life. I ask her how sure she was and she, like Brandon, said, “100%.” Then I asked her the next question, and Brandon leans over and said, “This is the one I got wrong!” 😊

Raegan hit it out of the park and shared of her faith in Jesus and His work. It was good to hear of her faith and it was great to see how Brandon understood the difference. I’ve been meeting with Brandon for follow up now and it has been so encouraging. **Please pray** for his continued growth in his walk with the Lord. **Pray** for both Raegan and Brandon that they would be healthy and that they would experience success on the field as they are a light to their teammates!

Below:
Sharing with the
basketball team on
campus in Puerto
Rico



A praise: For the first time two athletes from our ministry (Cole and Haik) went on an international missions trip! **Pray** this would be a trend!



Check out the SATXAIA Instagram for a couple students sharing some of their stories — ! www.instagram.com/satxaia/
And as usual I have a new video out giving a little more detail in the “Story Behind the Story”:

www.dananddeann.com/video