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<u>**God's Math</u>** With our kiddos still having to do school virtually, we have been dunked back into 2nd & 5th grade math, which means a huge emphasis on addition compared with multiplication. This math experience has been a very powerful exclamation point on what we have been seeing God do in our ministry with athletes and coaches!</u>

We love that we get to meet with students and disciple them as they fall in love with Jesus and grow in their dependance on Him & His word. Another ministry area that we are so grateful for has been the opportunity to come alongside and disciple/ train new staff & interns on our staff team. Kyle regularly meets with Ben & Eric and Jayne meets with Kylie. This is where we see multiplication at its finest! By investing in Ben, Eric & Kylie and equipping them

in how to grow in different ministry skills, the ripple effect is exponential. They each are impacting Badger & Edgewood College athletes in many different ways! As each of them is building their ministry "tool belts" and beginning their ministry journeys, they are experiencing God do incredible things in them and through them. There have been opportunities to share with athletes for the first time what it means to begin a personal relationship with God and how you can be confident of eternal security through Jesus' forgiveness! They have also begun Bible studies on teams we haven't had opportunities with before. Also, as Eric is a former UW Stevens Point runner & Kylie is a former UW Milwaukee volleyball player, they are continuing to impact those campuses by resourcing and equipping student leaders that they still are connected to at their respective alma maters. It is such a privilege to encourage and equip them as they are establishing their ministry foundations!

Please pray with us for Ben, Eric & Kylie and their ministries!

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Praise

<u> Prayers :</u>



Seniors passing the baton in their final semester...

When you think of leaders in the Bible, you might imagine Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Paul, or obviously Jesus. Each of these leaders was unique and had different qualities that God used for His glory and His kingdom's growth, but they also had something in common... they had a point in their ministry where they needed to hand off the baton to someone else to run the race next. They encouraged Isaac, Joshua, Elisha, Timothy & the disciples to take what had been invested in them and multiply it into the lives of others!



This is a lesson that Maddie, Bobbi, Brad & Caleb are experiencing as they are each in their Senior year of college. They have all grown so much and been so faithful as leaders in Athletes in Action. They are intentional to invest in their relationships with Jesus and run after Him with their whole heart, mind, soul & strength! They are great at impacting others around them, gathering others to "run" the race of faith with them and sharing God's love and care in very special ways! They have been faithful, available & teachable leaders!

We asked them for their thoughts on what advice they would share with underclassmen/ students who are new to AIA. They shared a similar wisdom & insights:

"INVITE, INVITE, INVITE...BE INTENTIONAL...TAKE THE LEAP OF FAITH... TRUST GOD FOR WHAT IS UNCOMFORTABLE ...SAY YES TO OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW... Get involved in Bible studies, Ultimate Training Camp, Socials, being discipled & challenged by staff, talking to your teammates about things of faith."

It has been such an honor to serve and shepherd these men and women and we are excited to see the fruit of their legacy in the years to come! Please keep them in your prayers for them to finish well in their last season on campus.

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THANK YOU for partnering with us as we trust God to see Christ followers on every team, in every sport,



- God continues to draw new believers to Himself in creative and personal ways in the midst of these crazy, and often digital, times! *(Silvia, Brian, Josh, Xander all have recently begun a new relationship with Jesus!)*
- God is developing the faith foundations of student athletes as they grow in their trust of Him and His love. *(Emily, Alex, Sam & others)*
- We have secure HOPE when everything else seems to be less stable and uncertain.

Trusting God for:

- for strength, wisdom & courage to keep fighting the good fight of faith when its challenging and we are weary.
- Men's ministry...We have shared before that the men's side of ministry has been more challenging to cultivate and that is felt even more intensely in this season of Digital/ Covid ministry. Please pray that more men would fall in love with the Lord and desire to run hard after Him!