## A WORD FROM

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### **SPRING 2022**

#### **More Than Basketball**

As you might remember from our prayer requests in our last ministry update, we had a special event where we got to partner with Brad (UW Basketball) & Chick-fil-A in an opportunity to combine milkshakes and sharing the Gospel!

Chick-fil-A invited Brad to highlight a night where proceeds from milkshake sales would benefit the non profit of his choice (AIA)! We've enjoyed having Brad connected to AIA through discipleship, being a student leader, and taking part in an Ultimate Training Camp. He

wanted to use his platform and this project not only to make financial impact, but even more to have eternal influence! The idea of having an "Autograph/ Trading Card" came together in a way so that everyone who came could experience Brad's testimony through a QR code on the back of the card! Because of his boldness and willingness to share what it means for basketball to be a gift, but not what defines him, more than 1,000 people who came to Chick-fil-A that night got the opportunity to hear the Good News! He shares a message of hope & value and being defined by being God's treasured possession and masterpiece! Check out Brad's video testimony by scanning the QR code pictured! Please also pray for the MANY people who hear this message and wrestle with what that means to







them and if they have placed their trust in the One who wants to redefine how they see themselves. AIA Basketball also shared this video through a March Madness outreach we have where even more people got to consider what it would mean to embrace the message that Jesus redefines us!



#### Making New Connections through Dodgeball!

As a way to meet new students and build relationships, we hosted a Dodgeball tournament and Pizza Night at Edgewood College here in Madison. More than 80 students came to the event and 25 expressed interest in being given a Bible, coming to a Bible study, or learning more about how you can have a personal relationship with Jesus! YAY GOD!!! These students were so into it that it seems like it could become an annual event. Please pray for Edgewood College and the ways God is opening doors and softening hearts there!







#### **Praise God for:**

- -We are thankful for God providing a car for us! Thank you so much to the many of you who prayed and generously gave and have been His instruments of care and blessing in that process!
- -A solid "Rebound Year"... This school year has been quite a bounce back from Covid. We aren't back to normal quite yet, but this year has felt MUCH better in ministry on campus.

#### Please pray with us for:

- We are excited about upcoming summer mission opportunities and experiences. Kyle will be serving as a chaplain with AIA Baseball's Rochester Ridgemen in New York! He will travel and do life with the team by leading them in discipleship and especially digging into a Biblical framework of how to compete in a way that honors the Lord. Please pray that the guys would embrace bringing Scripture & faith together with their sport in worship this summer! If you are interested in learning more about these resources, one of our fellow staff teammates, Brian Smith, shares them well in his book "The Christian Athlete- Glorifying God in Sports."
- Our Training and Equipping Conference that CRU hosts biannually this summer! We are so excited for that development!

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athletes & coaches!
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Kyle, Jayne,
AJ, Leisel, George & Simon