



Our mission is to raise up Christ centered leaders for God's Kingdom by reaching and discipling college athletes



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Leaving a Spiritual Legacy

The vision of Athletes in Action globally is to see a day when there are Christ followers on every team, in every sport, in every nation. In pursuit of the vision, our mission is to build spiritual movements through the platform of sports so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus. This is how God has called AIA to uniquely contribute to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Maybe you're thinking: "What do you do on a daily basis to pursue that calling?" That's a good question! There are many good things we could do with our time and energy, so we must be diligent to guard and focus on the things which specifically move us toward the mission and vision.

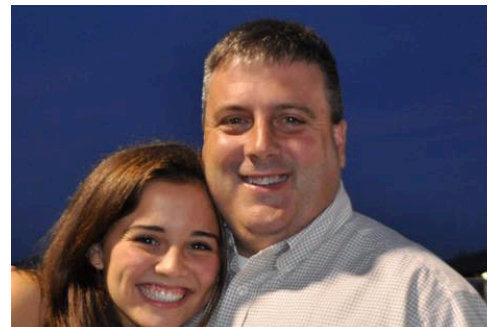
We must focus primarily on discipleship. We believe making disciples of Jesus Christ is the best use of our time because it has a multiplication effect. In 2 Timothy 2:2 Paul writes to Timothy, his disciple, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

Built into the DNA of discipleship is teaching what you've learned to the next generation. As each generation of believers understands the call to make disciples, a multiplication effect happens, and the growth becomes exponential. This forms the basis for a spiritual movement — a group of believers that is multiplying, not just adding, new believers (see Acts 2:42-47).

Jenny and I both experienced this in college when we were discipled by Cru staff, and encouraged to invest in others. John Strange and Denise Scott each taught us that we could *leave a spiritual legacy on our campus* through discipling younger men and women, and teaching them to do the same.

As we prepare for a new school year, pray with us that our leadership toward discipleship and spiritual multiplication would be embraced. Also, pray for the incoming freshman class to have a hunger for truth, and a desire to make their lives count for something greater — investing in eternity.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in this missionary work with us. We're excited for what God will do this year! :)



John discipled Matt at Clemson



Denise discipled Jenny at Miami (OH)