

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



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# **Ministry Moving Forward**

The past few weeks have been a roller coaster of changing reality as we all adjust to a new normal because of Coronavirus. We've been thinking and praying about how to move forward with the mission in light of new realities. Even though our methods and tactics will change, our who and why remains the same: *discipling college athletes to become Christ-centered leaders wherever God takes them.* We strongly believe, now more than ever, that leaders with a Biblical worldview are absolutely critical. We need leaders with meekness and resolve in this cultural moment. To that purpose, we are trusting God to move us forward with the mission. Here are some things we're doing as we "pivot" toward new methods.

## **Digital Discipleship**

We will continue leading discipleship groups, but over video call. Our aim with these groups remains the same — study God's word together and help each other learn how to practically live it out. We believe the Lord will continue working in and through our disciples for His glory and their joy. <u>Please pray the Lord would increase</u> their hunger to "be doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

### **Engaging With Teammates**

Many of the senior athletes are grieving the abrupt loss of their sport. In some ways, it's revealing how they idolize the sport. Some of our disciples are engaging their senior teammates with the hope of the gospel in this time. We are excited to see them passing along what they are learning in discipleship. <u>Pray with us that God will</u> <u>use this time to soften hearts to the gospel</u>.

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Matt on a FaceTime call with Danny and Joe from UIndy

### **Training and Development**

As we have "extra time" on our hands, we want to use it wisely and be good stewards of this unique season. Matt continues to work on his seminary class, and will look to take another class this summer. Our AIA national leaders are currently working on ways to provide development to staff and team leaders.

We're also taking time to connect as a family, rest, and prepare for our baby coming April 16th. With the rapidly changing landscape of healthcare, we are trusting the Lord to keep our whole family healthy. As of now, Jenny and the baby are healthy. <u>Would you pray for God's continued protection</u>?

We don't want to presume upon God's grace but seek Him for "daily bread" in this part of our lives. Thank you for praying for us in this season of life and ministry! We cherish your prayers and partnership.

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