## Fall Campus Launch

Semester start up has been incredible! God has been stirring amazing conversations and opening opportunities that we never could have imagined! At the first Badger Life meeting of the semester, we had the pleasure of hosting Corwin & Kim Anthony, who lead at the executive level within Athletes in Action. The Anthonys served in a variety of ways that helped open up exciting new ministry lanes on campus! They shared their testimonies in a bold and compelling way which continues to have ripple effects in the authenticity that athletes are engaging with each other and the Lord in these weekly meetings! Kim had the opportunity to speak with the Softball team after practice about identity and fighting off the

lies that attack us with God's truth. She also was the key note speaker for the Women's Hockey Team at their National Championship Ring Reception! She connected with them over what makes a great teammate. With these open doors and follow up conversations, we have had more students asking if they could have a Bible! As Kyle met with one of the guys to give him a Bible, he said "Hey, can we snap a picture quick? I want to send it to my Mom...this is my first Bible!" PRAISE GOD! He and several teammates are meeting with Kyle to learn how to start to read it and apply the Word to their lives. Another athlete is sometimes a guest DJ on





campus...He has been sharing that passion for music at Badger Life as he makes playlists for us to listen to before and after our large group! Its also been so exciting to have more athletes interested in getting connected to local churches! It has been encouraging to have many responding to our invitation to join our family at church and worshipping together.

## Faith Multiplying

God's Glory is everywhere, but we are especially noticing it as we see student athletes lives being changed and them taking opportunities to share with others about it! They are using their platforms of influence for His glory, not their own! Some have shared recently at local high school FCA Huddles, where we partner with local leaders to connect athletes and testimonies. This is great for the high schoolers to witness, and it also grows the faith of the UW athletes!

There have been students who have been coming the past couple years asking "What is happening this year? This year feels really different." Its a joy to celebrate God at work, and also to

encourage them that their perseverance and dedication are tools that He has used in the process. They have been part of tilling hard soil and planting seeds that are bearing fruit! They have really embraced the "Come with me" mentality and are inviting people like never before. We have seen so many new faces from teams that have not been represented at Badger Life in a long time! It is our hope and prayer that God would raise up a Christ follower on every team in the athletic

department so that EVERYONE knows someone who truly follows Jesus. That web of connections grows the opportunity for people to experience the Good News. Athletes are sharing how the Gospel is transforming their lives as they give their testimonies at Badger Life and also they are diving deep with each other as we have great conversations around our Bible study of 1 Peter! We are digging into what it means to let suffering refine



our faith, how & why to live holy lives & what it means to have our identity in Christ. THANK YOU for empowering us to follow God in serving athletes and coaches! Your partnership is such a special gift and we could not do this without you! To God be the glory, we are so grateful for you as His instruments!

**Praise** <u>Prayers :</u>

- New relationships and opportunities to point coaches to God & His Word.
- Ways He is meeting us and providing strength as we abide and depend on Him.
- For the students who are curious and exploring what it means to trust God and His Word.

## Trusting God for:

- Wisdom & courage in following up with athletes/ coaches who are asking to know more about how to have a relationship with God!
- -The grace needed for following God and serving where He wants us to serve when there is a big gap between what we have/ bring and what He is calling us to.

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

> Kyle, Jayne, AJ, Leisel, George & Simon