

The Band of Brothers

January 2014 Kick-off

Agenda

- The Vision/Mission of the B.o.B.
- Key Scripture Verses
- Spiritual Health Check Results
- 2-3 Year Tactical Game Plan

Vision

Love God, Love People, Lock Arms in Missional Community

Mission

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done, on Earth as it is in Heaven

Mission Statement

Share our faith in Jesus Christ, battle to be men that God created us to be, lead others to Christ, reach out to others. Righteous men, loyal to each other and the Lord. Be there for each other, pray for each other regularly, trust God to lead us down the path of his choosing.

Key Scripture Verses

The B.o.B.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17



**Be strong and courageous...be strong
and very courageous...do not be
afraid or discouraged. For the Lord
your God is with you wherever you
go.**

Joshua 1:6-7



Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32



**Be on your guard; stand firm in the
faith; be men of courage; be strong.**

1 Corinthians 16:13



No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:15



Jesus said, “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Matthew 18:20



**A friend is always loyal, and a
brother is born to help in time
of need.**

Proverbs 17:17





Spiritual Health Check Survey Results

What do you think happens to us after we die?

- Our spirit lives on with loved ones
- Resurrection, reunite with family members
- Become like God and married forever
- Live in heaven with God and loved ones
- We will be with Jesus and will know him as Lord
- We will all meet in paradise with loved ones and what we consider bad also
- Cannot imagine as mortals on earth. No way to comprehend the greatness of God.
- Our soul will enter heaven
- Welcomed with open arms into our Father's home
- Eternity in our childhood state
- Go to "temporary" heaven until the resurrection, a bodily form that can be seen and unique

How old do you think the earth is?

- Thousands of years according to the bible
- One million years or so
- 10-15 thousand years
- Doesn't matter
- 5 Billion years
- Don't know
- 4,000 or so years
- Measuring God's work with human standards doesn't work
- 6,000-10,000 years
- Billion+ years

Compared to other historic books/documents, where do you think the confirmed truth of the bible and new testament fits?

- Book for all ages and always relevant
- First
- Above all others
- More respected and factual
- As or more accurate than all others
- The truth. Incredible book of history and life lessons
- Far superior. Written by God through hands of disciples and followers
- The birth, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior
- Complete story of man
- Believe new testament to be historically accurate

How often do you read the Bible?

- Not enough, a couple time a month
- Every day
- Begin every day reading God's word and listening to his voice
- Bible 2 times per week but some form of scripture most every day
- Daily devotionals and attend DIG regularly
- Every couple days and discuss with family
- Once a week, not enough
- Listen to scripture at church but haven't regularly read bible in 8 months
- Only with BoB and church. Pledge to do more in 2014
- Bible readings three times a week

Are there any bible stories you think are not true?

- No
- Yes, but nothing comes to mind. Our God is capable of anything.
- Parables
- Song of Solomon may not be inspired
- Unfortunately, people take the literal word as their position rather than understanding the back story and history. You must understand the big picture.
- No, believe the Bible is the living word of God. Would like to be better versed in Book of Mormon and differentiating Christian faith/history from other religions.
- Jacob wrestling with God and winning. God let him win.
- Believe the Old Testament, particularly Genesis, is more allegorical in nature.
- Noah's Ark
- No, and yes stories are used poetically to prove a point.
- Lean towards the stories being true where the Bible presents them as true. Jonah, the Flood, Exodus, Genesis, etc. are not presented as myths or tales.
- Prostitute at the well, Lazarus, Job
- There are truths to every story but not every story is exact or believe every word verbatim

Do you believe in micro-evolution? (adaption to environment over time)

- 12 YES, 4 NO

Do you believe in macro-evolution? (man evolved from apes)

- 2 YES, 13 NO, 1 “doesn’t matter”

Do Muslims and Christians worship the same God?

- 3 YES, 9 NO, 1 Maybe, and 2 are Not Sure
 - The only God is the one who sent his son Jesus Christ
 - Yes, from a Muslim point of view. No, from a Christian point of view
 - In theory yes, but they don’t fully understand our God and they reject Jesus as son of God
 - Quran preaches spiritual rewards of the flesh. I believe it has been used to aid the will of man, not God
 - God has a plan for all of us. As Christians we have an easier road via God’s grace. Muslims, Jews, and Christians someday will worship Jesus together
 - There can only be one God
 - I believe that Mohammed spoke to the devil, not God
 - In some ways, I believe yes...the highest of high powers. But the misunderstanding of Jesus is #1 conflict and Allah to Christians.
 - No, God without Jesus Christ is not God
 - I believe there are many paths up the mountain, but at the top of the mountain is one true God

Who is Jesus Christ to you?

- My savior, son of God, person I pray to and ask for salvation
- Savior of the world brought here to free us of our sins and teach the truth
- The head of my life
- God Almighty – I am his brother by effect of his choice before the world began. Creator, Redeemer, Healer, Brother, Friend, King
- Our Savior, Hope, Salvation, Eternity, Love
- Redeemer of all mankind. The only way to return to the Father. Our eldest spirit brother. He experienced all of our life issues and worse.
- Put on earth to teach us what God was always trying to teach us. Died for our sins to show the love God our true father has for us.
- Gives me hope and will never leave or forsake me. My protector!
- Life would be of little value without him
- Jesus is God in the flesh and spirit

Top of mind doubts?

- Muslim vs. Christian God question
- Does God really heal the sick?
- Are my sins really forgiven?
- Struggle of accepting all this is real
- Defending certain bible topics
- Will humans get it right? Where is the world going?
- What happens in heaven and what happens to non-believers?
- Church telling us that we need to reject sin but at the same time love everyone (e.g. homosexuality, Islam, people that have harmed us)
- How all can be forgiven even at the very last second
- How much are we not really understanding the devil's works? The love of God to allow free will in people who will harm others.
- How to overcome my areas of un-belief so that my measure of faith can always win
- Giving 100% trust in God and give it all to him

Do you think you could defend your faith?

- 13 YES, 3 NO
 - A couple people noted our faith does not need to be defended. Good point.

Do you think it's wrong to be a Christian and support war?

- 15 NO, 1 MAYBE

Do you think it's wrong to be a Christian and support capital punishment?

- 1 YES, 11 NO, 3 MAYBE, 1 N/A

Do you think it's wrong to be a Christian and support abortion?

- 13 YES, 1 MAYBE, 2 N/A
 - Yes but we also need to be realistic. Exception for rape/incest should be starting point.
 - Yes but I understand one's decision in certain circumstances.
 - Yes with exception of rape
 - In cases of rape, incest, or health of the mother, it should be an option. I don't want to pay for elective abortions.
 - Yes and abortion should not be allowed under any situation

When does a life begin?

- Don't know, Conception, Conception, Insemination, Conception, In God's Eyes, Conception, Inception, Conception, Conception, Don't know, Fertilization, Conception, Conception, When you are born again, Conception

Thoughts on the definition of Marriage?

- More liberal point of view. A person or couple who truly believe in God and have “been saved” can be of any sex.
- God says Man + Woman only. Government is trying to be elusive and not honoring God’s command.
- Marriage is a Man and a Woman but government should allow civil unions for homosexuals
- Man and Woman...under God...government view is different
- Disagree in gay marriage religiously. Government okay with gay marriage.
- Try not to judge what is in other’s heart
- Covenant with God and your spouse. A gift from God. Marriage is LOVE. It is intended for a man and woman. Under extreme assault. We should elect leaders that defend sanctity of marriage.
- Holy union between man and woman and same sex unions to not maintain the same standard.
- We are told to love everyone and celebrate love but homosexual marriage is difficult for me.
- Children have a right to have a father and a mother.
- That divorce is an easy way out and that any one can be married
- Men are giving up and taking a cowardly role. Government should not be involved.
- You must work together and be a light in the world. God first.

Rate your challenges as a man...

16 respondents

Question	1 pathetic	2	3	4	5 Great
Overall Energy/Passion		1	2	9	4
Career			4	9	3
Finances		1	9	4	2
Engaging with God			8	7	1
Spiritual Leadership		4	6	4	2
Marriage	1	1.5	1.5	4	6
Fatherhood			1.5	9.5	5
Relationship with Parents		2	2	5	5
Anger	1	2	6	6	1
Lust		3	8	3	2
Pride		3	8	3	2
Greed	1		7	6	2
Honesty			4	9	3

Do you feel comfortable discussing questions with BoB?

Do you need personal support?

- BoB has always allowed me to open up. Need accountability.
- Yes sometimes
- Yes and Yes (I need some personal support)
- Yes, but with a few, not yet with the larger group
- Yes and getting personal support
- Yes and prefer guidance in a direct engagement

Any other comments or suggestions?

- Lack of outreach when we know a member is having a difficult time
- Love this group of guys. Need it!
- Everyone should find at least 1 other guy to do life with
- Relationships with people outside family. Confidence.
- Great idea and great way to start the year for the Bob and our families

2-3 Year
Tactical Game Plan

INITIATIVE	OWNER(s)	DATE	COMMENTS
“Kindgom Come” Small Group 1	Halsey	Starts 2/16	Sundays at 7am, 6 week study
“Kingdom Come” Small Group 2	TBD	TBD	Weeknight group, 6 week study
Detroit Lions Academy	Bryan/Shelton	2/26	Last Wed of every month
Hope Warming Center	Halsey/LeBay	Ongoing	Supplies and Donations
Poker Fundraiser	Todd	2/21 or 2/22	Raise money for Right Choices and Lions Academy
Winter Retreat	Bryan/Roehm	2/28-3/2	2 nd Annual
Dinner Party with Wives/Dates	Tilly, Miller, McEntire, Bryan	TBD	Special Night to show our appreciation
“Dare to Be Uncommon” Small Group	Halsey	TBD	After Kingdom Come Study
Spring Serve – KCC	DeNio	TBD	Community project, Annual Event
3x3 Basketball Tournament Fundraiser	N/A	TBD	Raise significant funds for projects
Summer Family Picnic	N/A	TBD	

INITIATIVE	OWNER(s)	DATE	COMMENTS
Next Group Study: Every Man a Warrior Fight: Winning Battles that Matter Most	N/A	TBD	
Father/Son Experience Local Camping Trip	LeBay	TBD	
Father/Daughter Experience Dinner, Shopping	LeBay	TBD	
Bible Study for Kids	N/A	TBD	Need to identify owner and age group
Golf Outing for Wounded Warriors	DeNio, Bryan	TBD	Annual Event
Father/Son Trip to Canadian Rockies	Miller, Darnell, Tilly	9/11 – 9/15	
Tough Mudder for Wounded Warriors	DeNio, Halsey, MacDonald	9/20	
Hearts Alive and Free Retreat	Halsey	10/2-10/5	
Man-Up Retreat	N/A	Oct TBD	

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Paintball for Grace Centers of Hope	Halsey	Nov TBD	Annual Event
BoB Accountability Small Groups	N/A	TBD	For those that want to participate, purpose is to break groups into 3-4 to contact each other regularly and support needs.
Holy Land Trip	N/A	TBD	Plan trip to Israel that Matt Darnell did
Mission Trip	N/A	TBD	Haiti, Costa Rica, Kenya all on the radar
Hope Water Project	Bishop/Halsey	Ongoing	Continue to provide status of Hope Water Well project to conclusion.

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Let's do this!