

THE IRON BRIEFING



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Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

— John 17:17

FALL LAWN PARTY 2023

A Beautiful Day for God's Blessings

Nearly 70 members of Iron Forums and LifeWork enjoyed our annual gathering to build community and meet new friends.



Truth - The anchor of our 4T's

God calls His Word a plumb line (Amos 7:7-8). All truth claims should be compared to Scripture to determine their accuracy. We are warned that there will be false teachers in every generation (1 Tim 1:3, Mat 7:15-16, 1 Tim 6:3-5). It's only through our devoted time in the truth that will enable us to discern what is false.

Every month we are committed to evaluating our own intimacy with Jesus via our Snapshot. He wants us to live set free lives which comes from knowing His truth (John 8:31-32). We can love and care for each other by asking things like, "How has your time in the Word been?" or "What truth has God's Spirit been emphasizing to you lately?"

This last part may be difficult for some of us, but let's be honest, who among us hasn't fallen into wrong and unbiblical ideas and practices? (Answer: None!). When that happens, we have to be willing to ask, "How did you come to that thought or idea?" or "What does

God's Word say about this issue, challenge or lifestyle?" This is what brothers and sisters do for each other! We call each other back to the plumb line of truth.

Here are a few recommend web resources for us to get anchored in truth:

The Briefing - Albert Mohler

Today in Perspective - Harry Reeder

Real Truth Real Quick - Todd Wagner

Justin Peters Ministries



Join us for three 30 day reading plans to finish the year strong spiritually.

Q4 GROWTH PLAN

- Oct - 30 Days focused on Emotional Health
- Nov - 30 Days focused on Gratitude
- Dec - 30 Days focused on the Advent of Christ

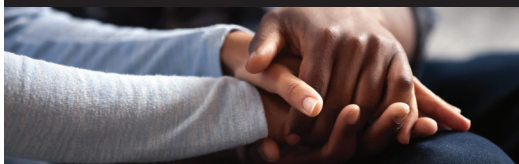
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TRACTION TIP**TEAM HEALTH, PART 2
COMPASSION**

Leaders often confuse self-interest with care for others, undermining their leadership effectiveness. Compassion in leadership goes beyond concern; it involves a deep empathy for the emotions of team members. Daniel H. Pink aptly stated, "Empathy is about standing in someone else's shoes, feeling with their heart, seeing with their eyes," emphasizing that compassionate leaders understand and share in the emotional experiences of those they lead.

Compassionate leaders actively engage in their team's joys and sorrows. This emotional connection forms the foundation of compassionate leadership, prompting leaders to avoid causing harm and correct their behavior. Instead of issuing orders, compassionate leaders stand with and support their team. A compassionate brain feels another's pain and corrects behavior to avoid doing harm in the future.

Compassion demonstrates a leader's genuine concern for their team's well-being, fostering trust, open communication, and collaboration. A lack of compassion hinders meaningful connections and ignores logical arguments and justifications. Compassion also drives leaders to genuinely protect their team members.

This transformational leadership style positively influences team dynamics, inspiring trust and loyalty. It leads to higher job satisfaction and productivity and extends beyond the workplace, promoting holistic well-being among team members.

Self-awareness is essential in compassionate leadership. Leaders should listen with genuine curiosity, communicate empathetically, lead by example, seek feedback, and empower their teams. Compassionate leadership is a powerful force that elevates teams and commitment, creating work environments where empathy and mutual success thrive.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DUSTIN DIER

Wife: My wife and I just celebrated our fifteenth anniversary last week.

Children: We have three kids, Savannah (18) who is in her first semester at North Georgia University, Landon (14) who is in eighth grade and McKenzie (12) who are both at Osborne (Mill Creek.)

Church: 12-Stone, Braselton, GA

Forum: Braselton

What is the name and focus of your business?

My wife and I have several businesses and I am also an executive at a construction firm in Atlanta, Artera Services. I started an IT software company recently to support my craft called Plenum and my wife owns an Interior Design Firm called, Paige & Grace Interiors.

ARTERA
TOMORROW'S INFRASTRUCTURE, TODAY



Paige &
GRACE

INTERIOR STAGING AND REDESIGN

Who invited you to Iron Forums (who was your Andrew)?

Joel Ferdinand invited me to my first forum in Sugar Loaf and I have been a member ever since.

What is your favorite part of the Iron Forums Snapshot?

Hands down the best part of the snapshots for me is just connecting with other men who are genuinely open and honest about life's challenges and our struggles as Christians, business owners, and just humans. There is no other place where I get completely transparent connection from friends who have similar life experiences.

How has Iron Forums improved your life?

Iron Forums has improved my life by strengthening my relationship with God. I've always been a believer but I've never had the type of relationships I've formed in Iron Forum where a member, or brother, is just a phone call or a text away from providing good Christian advice without strings attached.

