

# THE IRON BRIEFING



MAY 2020

## THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE:

**Isaiah 41:13** For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear, for I will help you."

**When God has our right hand, we're left with easier decisions in business and life.**

## New Forums Coming Soon!

There are currently three new Forums planning to launch in the Fall — two are out of state! If you know a man in any of these areas, please give Gary Smith a call to introduce him to the Forum Facilitator and Core Group.

### Milton/Alpharetta

Crooked Creek Country Club  
Facilitator: Mark Pugh  
Core Group: Robert Hargreaves, Robbie Robinson, Mitchell Smith

### Kinston/Greenville, NC

Kinston Country Club  
Facilitator: Dr Randy Outland  
Core Group: Jimbo Perry, Dr. Rob McArthur, Pastor Jason McKnight

### Oxford, MS

Oxford Country Club  
Area Developer: Jeff Berry  
Assisting: Gary Smith

In addition, we are currently considering new Forums in Sandy Springs and Charlotte, NC.

## The World May be on Pause, But God has Iron Forums on Fast Forward >>>

COVID-19 has impacted our world in a major way, but God's people are figuring out how to continue gathering in meaningful ways. Our virtual Forums in April were no exception. Each one was well attended — and we even had 10 visitors across all Forums! Praise God for the interaction, prayer and growth that took place through the devotions, Snapshot groups and content sessions. Thanks to Todd Weeks and Marc Carson for allowing us to interview them and set up a podcast on "Leadership During Crisis." If you would like to review the session again, you can find it and the PDF of Todd's graphic, "Who do I choose to be during this Crisis?" on IronForums.org.

We are also encouraged that relationships continue to evolve with ministry organizations that hope to refer business owners to Iron Forums. We are also finding new opportunities for content and teaching as our faculty expands to men and ministries who value our mission and want to contribute.

As this edition of "The Iron Briefing" is being written we're not certain whether we'll all be meeting in person for our May Forums or not— but we will not worry. Our God was truly with us as we gathered through technology in April. Thank you all for participating with grace and intentionality.

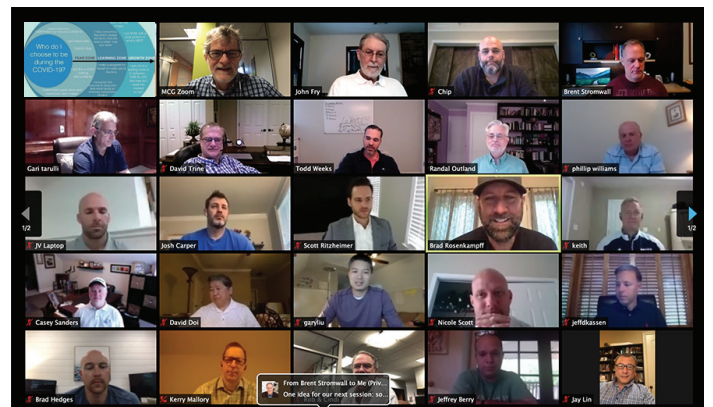
Take a look at this screenshot from the N. Gwinnett Forum. You know what we see in these faces?  
We see Jesus.  
God Bless us all.

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

Matthew 18:20



Gary Smith (l) and Rob Marbury interview Todd Weeks and Marc Carson for the April content module. Iron Forums North Gwinnett members gather in April via Zoom (below)



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## Website Tip: The Knowledge Base

Iron Forums members share both the same Biblical world view, and our drive to succeed as business owners. Because we are a relational business organization, we learn from each other. This is what the Iron Forums Knowledge Base is all about. You'll find it under the "Members" tab once you log in to ironforums.org. Our ultimate goal is to have EVERY MEMBER add a topic. This is a place where we can all share things we are passionate about. Things we've learned about relationships, business principles and Biblical truths that can help other business owners.

When you need a little advice or perspective on an issue having to do with one of the areas on your Snapshot, you may find some help on the Knowledge Base. Use the search tool to find a subject, or scroll through the posts.

When you have something to add, simply click on the "add item" link and put in a headline, description and tags related to your subject. The tags are key words that will allow other members to find your post. If you have questions about the website, or trouble logging on, email Rob Marbury, Board Member and Marketing Director at [rob@marburycreativegroup.com](mailto:rob@marburycreativegroup.com)

## Member Spotlight: Matt Scott

**Owner of Press, Blend, Squeeze**

**Forum:** North Gwinnett

**Family:** Married to Nicole (12yrs), 2 children: Olivia (9) & Griffin (6)

**Church:** Perimeter



Matt and his wife, Nicole founded *Press, Blend, Squeeze* in 2017. It has grown to 20 employees focused on "Good Food Fast." Matt explains, "We are a healthy, quick-service restaurant and juice bar offering wraps, salads, bowls, toast, juice and smoothies."

But what really seems to set this café and juicery apart from other restaurants could be their mission: "Save Lives through Food."

The company started when Matt's father was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, and was given only 5 months to live. Matt says, "We weren't going to accept that so we researched & changed his diet, and he lived for over 5 years! That's what led to our mission."

Those of you participating in our April Iron Forums North Gwinnett meeting will remember the picture of Matt and his staff taking drinks down to Emory Hospital to support the front-line workers. It was clear he was passionate about serving not only them, but his team as well.

It only takes a few moments around Matt to see that God is doing some amazing work in and through him. Take a moment to email Matt [mpscott15@gmail.com](mailto:mpscott15@gmail.com) and get to know him over a cup of coffee — make it a smoothie!

