

THE IRON BRIEFING



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THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE:

In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

Psalms 18:6

It's truly amazing that our God desires to hear our individual voice when we call out to Him.

New Forum Locations

Please continue to pray for our new Forum opportunities as we seek the Lord's plans for our new Alpharetta GA, Kinston NC, and Virtual Forums.

The Alpharetta Forum successfully launched in Sept and had 2 first-time visitors in October.

The Kinston Forum is still being formed with a hopeful launch in 2-3 months.



The Virtual Forum was a big success on October 23rd with 17 participants from various locations! This Forum is designed to help build community for those men who can't join an existing Forum. We plan on hosting monthly Virtual Forums every 3rd Friday.



TABLE LEADER TRAINING:

Key to a Stronger Forum

Brent Stromwall (2nd from right) leads a Snapshot Group at Iron Forums North Gwinnett with (l-r) Keith Conley, Brad Hedges, and Ken Graves.

We want to take a moment to celebrate our recent training session for Table Leaders within the Iron Forums community. At Iron Forums, we desire to establish a great and God-honoring culture that centers our Forums on 6 CORE VALUES: Truth, Transparency, Traction, Transformation, Relationship-Driven, and Growth-Oriented.

We believe Table Leaders serve as the primary champions of these values, as well as being a critical part of the health of the Forum and the members.

During the training, we covered topics like:

How to help ensure everyone is contributing and allowing time for feedback, input and questions.

Best practices for managing the clock and staying on schedule.

Giving each man time to be heard, and setting up follow-up time if needed.

What are simple ways to connect men with the Iron Forums "Collective IQ?"

How do you handle a situation where a non-Biblical or even anti-Biblical, off-base suggestion is made?

How's your Snapshot going? Please take a moment to thank the guys who shepherd your Snapshot Groups, and know that we will continue to pour into the leadership at Iron Forums to continuously improve the environment the Lord has given us to minister in.



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SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Are you on Facebook or LinkedIn? Please take a moment RIGHT NOW to like and follow Iron Forums — and then POST your thoughts, or SHARE our posts to help identify the men in your network who need to know about Iron Forums.

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TRACTION TIP

**BUSINESS HEALTH**

In his book, *"The Advantage,"* Patrick Lencioni says *"I've become absolutely convinced that the seminal difference between successful companies and mediocre or unsuccessful ones has little, if anything, to do with what they know or how smart they are; it has everything to do with how healthy they are."*

Leadership teams must focus on becoming healthy as well as working smart to achieve their potential for success. How is your team's health?

Here are a few questions you might ask yourself:

Is the team experiencing true, vulnerability-based trust?

Does the team mine for and address conflict in a constructive way?

Do you make clear commitments... or is there ambiguity?

Is everyone comfortable holding others accountable – and being held accountable?

And, is the team focused singularly on the results for the greater good of the organization?

A healthy leadership team accelerates growth and success and becomes the foundation for a healthy organization. Truth is, most companies are not healthy. How's yours? Let me know if you want to address this and set your company up for greater success: **Brent Stromwall** at **bstromwall@odigos.llc**.

Member Spotlight: Don Britt

Wife: Charlene (married 2 years)

Children: Justin (30), Dayne (29), Mackenzie (24), Grayson (22), Tristan (23)

Church: Currently seeking a new church

Please share about your business.

I am Vice President and General Manager at Summit Chase Country Club (where Iron Forums Snellville is held). We are a family business that has recently changed directions, and we now have an opportunity to rebuild and rebrand a 40-year-old business to something new and exciting.

My wife Charlene and I are also in the process of starting a new business venture together with a vintage photo booth camper (details coming soon).

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

I had two! Since Iron Forums began meeting at Summit Chase, Jason Chandler and Barry Lusk took time to speak to me about the organization and how it helped them. It was in my path every month for a time; but I kept making the excuse that I was *too busy to get involved*. After multiple invitations, I finally accepted, and I cannot thank Barry and Jason enough. It has been life-changing!

What's your favorite part of the Snapshot?

I get a lot out of being able to share with other men that may be going

through (or have gone through) similar situations in life and business. Having others pray for me and my family and being able to pray for others is special.

How Has Iron Forums improved your life?

When I joined Iron Forums, I was in the most stressful situation in my 30 years working at Summit Chase. In addition, I had been pushing away the Lord for many years and I was in a state of turmoil. I thought it was the business that was causing the problem. I realized quickly the calling that I had been pushing away for years and it flowed out of me emotionally the first few times in Snapshot sessions. I am thankful for the support and prayer from the men in Iron Forums. I am learning how to give it to the Lord and trust. I have been given more peace in the last year and I am learning to slow down and find joy. I have been led by the men in Iron Forums to get into Scripture daily, and I need to continue the growth and be a better spiritual leader for my family and business. I still have stumbles and days that I lose focus, but fortunately my eyes have been opened and can see the path I need to take.

I am learning that it is His plan, not mine. It is His will, not mine. When He opens a door, I walk through it.

Don and Charlene Britt on their wedding day in August of 2019, pictured with their 5 children.

