

## *Spreading God's Word through Sports!*

Getting God's Word into people takes different strategies, one of which can involve sports. As Darin meets consistently with about 75 men (most one-on-one and half of them at least every other wk!), he discusses life situations and finds Scripture that relates to what each man shares. Any place works for this and *sometimes this happens at a tennis court*, like the one pictured below. Here, he has just participated in a tournament, where Darin played well by God's grace in an effort to meet more men. One more comment on this fun pic: the man listening asked if tennis has turned into more of a passion than basketball in Darin's life, with the firm reply of NO!



Whatever court works best to meet with and get to know a guy better, it takes a certain focus on Jesus Christ to make the most of the time. In other words, it helps to prayerfully approach the event as an opportunity to spread God's Word. For example, after playing intense hoops with a man who retired from the NBA 10 years ago, **Darin asked if he could send him daily Bible lessons** - like anyone who wants to can receive each day by requesting an email from us. After this amazing player started getting D's morning devotions, Darin told him during the next workout how he came to Christ while walking onto the Stanford team. Using a testimony helps!!

Discussing Bible passages during breaks from a sports activity actually accomplishes a lot, and you can use your phone for verses. If for instance someone says his boss seems insensitive, you can search for Philippians 2:3-5 on Google and go over Christlike responses of letting our needs get deprioritized in serving others. Not too hard!

During the year everyone receiving this gets prayed for still by name at least once for each letter, so please request prayers about anything going on or others you know with needs whenever you'd like to have something special offered.

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