

Men's Ministry Mission

To raise up leaders. Make disciples of all the world.

Create a place both physically and spiritually where men will claim their Biblically defined roles as men.

An atmosphere where men will: feel free to;

know how to;

know why they should and

will be enabled to **recklessly follow Jesus**.

Help men to understand that they are empowered to take the great commission seriously, and walk it out every day.

Your job is to get right with Jesus, then do everything He tells you, when He tells you.

You have nothing to lose, but everything to gain.

Publicly Visible Activities

- Various activities as determined by individual Team Member's callings.
- Annual Retreat
- Monthly Breakfasts

Procedure

1. Gather men who are interested or called.
2. Purposefully and intentionally disciple each other.
3. Through prayer and discussion determine each member's calling or potential. Determine where they need to grow.
4. Encourage, counsel, direct, train, and push individuals toward deepening and better realizing their calling.
5. Set individual members tasks to help them grow. Enlist other group members to assist.
6. Tasks get progressively more challenging.
7. Meet: - monthly as group
- weekly with individuals
8. Pray every day

Membership

Benefits:

- Counseling, encouragement, prayer, training, etc.
- Empowerment of you life's call
- Assistance from all other group members

Cost:

- Must assist all other group members

Responsibility:

- accountable to each other
- do what Jesus tells you
- read/study Bible
- pray every day
- 1 Timothy 3
- be visible
- talk to strangers
- be available

Skills (to develop):

- listening
- learn to hear God
- obedience (to God's word)
- pray fearlessly, out loud, in front of people
- pray for healing (lay on hands)
- deliverance
- prophetic (hear God and tell others)

Commitment:

- spend silent time listening to God/Jesus every day
- give your life to Jesus
- go to church
- show up for meetings
- don't be afraid to ask for help
- "Love each other as I have loved you"

Everyone's calling is to see where God is moving and join Him.

(God is moving everywhere, all the time. When we notice what God is doing He is inviting us to join Him there.)

How do we see where God is moving?

The Church:

- Jesus is present and active in the Church.
- The Church was His idea.
- This is a good place to seek and come along side Him.
- The Church is a safe place to practice and learn.

Fellow Christians:

- See what others are doing, seek where God may be moving through this awareness.
- Follow the example of bold brothers walking out their faith, and taking risks as they follow Jesus.
- Seek the counsel and wisdom of fellow Christians.

Worship:

- Worship, either in singing praise or quiet reverence, can create moments where we experience a profound closeness to Jesus.
- Sing and dance as if no one is watching or listening except Jesus.

Prayer:

- Speak to Jesus, seek His constant companionship and direction.
- Pray as much as you possible can, endeavor to be in constant communication with our Lord and Saviour.
- Ask for anything, He knows when to say no.
- When you pray do not forget to be still and seek that quiet voice. When you hear you must take it seriously.

How Do we follow?

- Through practice we learn to better discern where God is leading us. Learn to trust that calling.
- Seek independent confirmation - does it agree with scripture?
- Take notes, keep a journal, track what you have seen and heard. When you review these notes look for trends, patterns, answered prophesy or prayer.
- When we believe that it is God directing us, we simply obey Him - go where He is leading, do as He directs. When necessary with the support and agreement of others.

Blocks

What are we afraid of?

- Ridicule? Financial loss? Consider all the bad things you ever feared happening to you - all the worry - and yet here you are.
- God is afraid of nothing and no one.

I am too busy

- If this is true, then we need to consider that we may be too busy to live a decent life.
- We must question why we are so busy. Could our busyness be a tool of the devil?
 - A tool to prevent us leading a life worth living?
 - A tool that makes us poor fathers, absent husbands, stressed out and exhausted?
 - An effective weapon of the enemy that is pulling us away from the one true God?
 - A lie?

Who is God? • Where is God? • Is he real? • Do you trust God?

Circumstances:

- Be observant to what is happening around you.
- God's will is not always pleasant.
- If you could see your life from a distance you might realize how it all fits together.
- God places us in situations on purpose. This gives us the opportunity to make choices.
- By being more aware of our circumstances we become more aware of why God put us there.

Scripture:

- Scripture tells us to follow Jesus. Details are given in the Great Commission.
- Men must lead.
- Scripture is full of direction for how to "live a life worth living."
- When you feel that a particular bit of scripture is "talking" to you, you should take that seriously.

Holy Spirit:

- Pray and seek the leading, grace and empowering that Christ offers through the Holy Spirit.
- Ask to be filled and seek God's gifts and anointing for the service of the kingdom.
- Ask for specific gifts, and when you receive give thanks and use the gifts.

- Some callings require more preparation than others. You may need to spend some time reworking your finances, lifestyle, career, etc. If this is the case you can count on Jesus to patiently show you the way.
- Act on whatever you can as quickly as you can.

Are you following Jesus or not?

If not Jesus then who are you following?