

How to Start a Men's Ministry in Your Church

Purpose: (To help congregations start a successful men's ministry)

But first, a word as to why a men's ministry is important:

Many men feel a total disconnect when it comes to church. If given a choice, spending time at church falls a distant second to spending time with friends, family, or doing just about anything else.

Why is this? Well, for one reason, men just don't feel connected.

A men's ministry group has the potential to change that, however. Men's ministry groups bond men by giving them a forum in which to share and a reason for getting together. Like a fire of burning coals, the combined energy of men gathered together draws men toward the flame and keeps them active and encouraged by the other members involved.

For any men's ministry to be successful it should offer three things: solid, Christ-centered resources for spiritual growth; ample occasions for fun and recreation; and the opportunity for members to use their God-given talents and time to make a powerful impact in their world.

Getting the Ball Rolling:

Initial enthusiasm:

Briefly meet with men interested in being part of a new men's group/ministry. This can be done at church or, if interested individuals attend different services, arrange an outside place and time to meet. (These individuals will form the core group from which to organize your men's group.)

Initial organizational meeting:

- a. Brainstorm ideas on what you would like to see your group do and the kinds of impact it can make.
- b. Determine what Bible study you would like to do as a group.
- c. List of some potential activities and impact events you think would work in your area and have men select three they would find interesting.
- d. Tally up selections to see which activities and impact events would be preferable to your core group.
- e. Determine where to hold your first "official" men's ministry meeting; make necessary arrangements.
- f. Procure whatever provisions are necessary for your meeting.



- g. Determine agenda for this first meeting: refreshments, activity and discussion of video Bible study series (and their demos).
- h. Choose who will lead the Bible study.
- i. Begin considering how best to publicize the event in announcements, bulletin/newsletter, congregational website, etc.
- j. Pray for wisdom, attentiveness to the Holy Spirit's guidance, and the courage to "talk up" your group to guys who would be interested or benefit from it.

And, you're off and running...

First men's ministry meeting:

At this point, your group has officially launched. As noted above, your core bunch of guys will determine the particulars, such as the length of first Bible study session, what impact event, activity, or local opportunity your group might involve itself in, etc. Whether you set out with three guys or ten, it's important to begin establishing some recognition for your group. Publicize when you can; do something hands-on when you can, and always be promoting the value of what you're doing. Above all, pray about your group, its direction, and how it can best make a difference. It is the Lord who will bless and multiply your efforts.