



WHAT IS MEN'S MINISTRY AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

This is not a rhetorical question. As a pastor or church leader, you must be convinced that men's ministry is essential to the vitality of the church. A well-implemented ministry to men will identify, develop and release the unique gifts of men into the life and service of the church. It will call men out of their spiritual passivity and equip them for godly influence at home, at church and in society. Rather than adding an extra burden to church leadership, men's ministry trains men who can in turn train others.

Men's ministry intentionally draws men to God and to each other. By strengthening the lay leadership in the church, men's ministry serves the needs of the congregation and community. Pastors are freed to shepherd the flock, pray, teach and network with other pastors to identify needs in the local community, whereupon they can lead their men to minister to those needs.

Many men feel isolated today. Studies show that most men past the age of 30 do not have friends. They have colleagues and work buddies, golf partners, and maybe a "couple" friend or two. Sadly, for most men in our culture, male friendship is a part of their distant past.

Men need mentoring in current issues and trends and needs such as identity, friendships, awareness of God's call, Discipline in priorities and values, learning how to seek God, a discipling process, marriage and family skills, Mentors and mentoring, spiritual leader at home, and stewardship skills.

WHAT IS A MEN'S MINISTRY?

Men's ministry has a foundation of biblical truth and prayer and is inspired by Christ-centered worship. It has a framework of vital relationships within a masculine context and is guided by clear vision and goals. Equipped with resources and training, it facilitates the making of godly men who keep their promises and commitments. These men proactively apply their ministry gifts to influence their world for Christ by intentionally reconciling men to God and each other and by ministering to the needs of their church and community under the authority and direction of their church leadership.

Men's Ministries International is here to help you build and prepare for a vital, vibrant Men's Ministry. We'll teach you a purpose, with essential guidelines, focusing on relationships and not programs, developing a clear purpose statement with measurable goals that focus your men on relating to God and one another, a pastor-supported and pastor - supporting ministry, Ministry led by a Core Group of men, avoiding implementing too much too soon.

Don't wait for the next year; begin now!

Men's Ministries International is here to help you get started. If you would like additional information, please contact Jan Ellis at (800) 342-5531 ext. 287 or jan.ellis@fmcusa.org.