

A Game Plan for Starting a Christian Men's Ministry

Men's ministry starts with a few good men who are committed to meeting regularly to pray for the men in their church, to pray for a clear purpose and strategy, and to pray for unity among the men. This group becomes the core group.

One of the first tasks of the core group is to establish a mission statement. The things to be considered when determining a mission statement are the following:

- Why do we exist as a ministry?
- What is our purpose?
- What results do we want to see happen?

When the direction is clear, the leadership can articulate it to others. We suggest that the pastor be requested to preach a two or three-week series on men's ministry or issues relevant to men, articulating the mission and purpose of the men's ministry. The series can conclude by having the men come to the front for a dedication service. In addition, the pastor could recruit men to come to a special event designed for men. For example:

- The annual men's convention/retreat
- A sporting event
- Father-son camp out or father-daughter banquet
- A Men's Prayer Breakfast

Events like these serve as an excellent opportunity to introduce men to the mission of the men's ministry and to offer them an opportunity to form a men's small group.

A Count-Down for Establishing A Men's Ministries

Pray for a few men with whom you can meet.

Pray for a clear purpose and strategy and for unity among the men of the church. Develop a mission statement (consult with the pastor).

Ask the pastor to preach a series of sermons on issues relevant to men, introducing the men's ministry, its mission, and its purpose.

Schedule a men's ministry special event within 2-4 weeks of the Men's Ministry Sabbath. Use the enthusiasm to start a men's small group and invite them to plan to attend an upcoming men's convention/retreat.