



M4Men Bootcamp

January 14, 2023



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- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 Basic Training (Mission and Strategy)
Martial Training (Mastering the Weapons)
War Debriefing (Panel Discussion)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Men of Action Update (Fortifying the Walls)
- 1:15 Assembling the Troops (Endued with Power)
Closing Remarks (Marching Orders)



We are under Attack!!!

- We are in a life-and-death battle for the souls of men!
- The signs are all around us
 - Every third child is born out of wedlock
 - 24M kids live without their biological father
 - Children who come from fatherless homes are 5 times more likely to
 - live in poverty
 - have emotional problems
 - and repeat a grade in school
 - 85% of men in prison report having no father figure in their lives
- Drug addiction and alcoholism are at all-time highs and destroying families



Are Men in the Church Impacted?

- For every 10 men in the church:
 - Nine will have children who leave the church
 - Eight will not find their jobs satisfying
 - Six will pay the monthly minimum on their credit card bills
 - Five will have major problems with pornography
 - Four will get divorced - affecting 1 million children each year
 - Only one will have a biblical world view
 - All ten will struggle to balance work and family



Solution: Equipping men for Battle!

- Building a strong men's outreach in your church
- Vision for the men in Indiana
 - Every man a disciple and endowed with power
 - Followers of Jesus
 - Filled with the Holy Spirit
- Mission for men in Indiana (M4Men)
 - Rescuing families, one man at a time!
- It all starts with a vision, and enabled by a mission



Our Mission - M4Men

- What a Mission Statement does?
 - It clarifies our purpose
 - Keeps us on track to make the right decisions
 - Drives our goals
 - Directly supports our vision
 - Connects us with other men
- Acts 16:31





Benefits for the Men

- Disciples men through mentoring, small groups, spiritual disciplines and mission.
- Equips and trains men for ministry by helping them discover and use their spiritual gifts.
- Mobilizes men for work in the church by emphasizing the “everyone is a minister” and, therefore, ***a witness for Jesus Christ.***
- Enables men to experience spiritual renewal through personal Bible study, group Bible studies, interaction, development of an effective prayer life, and ***empowerment for witnessing*** and serving through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.



Benefits for the Men

- Provides men encouragement, accountability, and a sense of belonging through organized Christian fellowship with other men in the church and helps maintain their commitment to the church family.
- Encourages men to be better husbands, fathers, providers, spiritual leaders as ***priests in the home***, and Christian workers and businessmen in the workplace.
- Provides a central purpose of mission.
- Organizes prayer support for the pastor and vital ministries in the church.



Benefits for the Pastor

- Provides support for the pastor
- Provides able and wise leadership to help the pastor.
- Develops men to do the work of ministry.
- Provides prayer support through the Pastor's Prayer Partners program.



What challenges do we face with Men's Ministry today?

- Commitment
- Getting men involved
- Too many things in the world holding men back
- Do not know how to get started
- Burnout
- Mountaintop to valley syndrome
- No glue to hold them together
- Men feeling pressured
- Feeling left out



Breaking It Down

- There are 5 groups of men in your church
 - Unsaved men
 - Cultural Christians
 - Men who are or want to be disciples
 - Men who are or want to be leaders
 - Men who are hurting

We are going to discuss how to engage all 5 groups



Getting started...

- Endorsement of the pastor
- Identify a group of men to be leaders and build a team
- Establish a clear Vision and Mission
- Provide training for your leaders
- Put the “Man Code” to work
- Build relationships
- Ensure men have an accountability partner
- Begin to disciple men
- Don't try to do everything
 - *You will never do anything good if you are doing everything*



Having the Pastor on board

- This could be the #1 ingredient to your men's ministry developing
- The Pastor brings:
 - The Word
 - Support
 - Leadership
- This does not mean the Pastor carries the load or does all the work.



The Pastor's Role

- Initiate the selection of team leaders and discipleship team
- Oversees the discipleship process of the Lifebuilders leader and leadership team
- Provides guidance when needed
- Encourages participation
- Organizes prayer partner teams
- Sponsors activities for the men



Pastor's Prayer Partners

- A Godly Layman willing to commit valuable time and energy to an organized sustained prayer program for the pastor
- Armor Bearers for the pastor
- Prays for every aspect of the pastor's life
 - Personal
 - Private
 - Professional
 - Preaching
 - Prayer
- Prays for the Church and Worship Services



Identify Your Leaders

- Everything boils down to leadership
- Every great cause has a leader
- Identify your group of men
- Meet on a regular basis
- Build a comradery with your leadership team
- Spend time together in bible study and prayer



Men's Leader Training

Life is a continuous learning event. We never stop learning!

- Lifebuilders Leadership Training
- Lifebuilders Certification
- Marriage and Family Retreats
- Elders Training
- Leadership Training
 - Podcasts
 - Webinars
 - Books



Put the “Man Code” to Work!

- Identify with men
- Make your home Church inviting to men and make them feel welcome
- Make personal contacts (call, text, email, etc...)
- Activities (Common interests among men)
 - Sporting events, Golf outings, Camping/Fishing, Car Shows
- Work days
 - Community, Missions, Local church body



What do your Men's Meetings look like?

- Make prayer a priority
- Create or review your Vision and Mission
- Have an agenda prepared
- Set ground rules
- Allow men to share what's on their heart
- Encourage testimonies
- Plan activities



Build Relationships

- Foundation of successful men's ministry
- Gives men a sense of community
- This is the glue that holds men together before and after any event
- Events attract men, relationships make them stick
- Encourage men to become to each other what they want their Church to become



Have an Accountability Partner

- Identify a man to hold **YOU** accountable
- The 5 responsibilities of every man
 - His walk with God
 - His relationship with his wife
 - His relationship with his children
 - His personal finances
 - His health



Begin to Disciple Men

- Five goals for every man
 - A consistent quiet/prayer time
 - An organized Bible study
 - An accountability group
 - Active Church involvement
 - A personal ministry
- The first four will drive the fifth
- Start a Discipleship Program
- Practicing humility as instructed by Jesus
- Lifebuilders Discipleship 100, 200, 300 Programs



Winning and Discipling Men

- Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19)
 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- Pray for workers (Matthew 9:37-38)
 - “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
- *Where we struggle is that we try to make workers and pray for disciples instead of making disciples and praying for workers!*



Schedule 2 Major Events Each Year

- Men's Conferences
 - Lifebuilders
 - Man in the Mirror
 - Lion's Roar
 - Tri-State events
- Resurrection Breakfast
- Pastor Appreciation Day
- Lifebuilders Recognition Sunday
- Mission Trips



Keys to Success

- It must be personal. Not every man is the same.
- The “Man Code” – Does your Church welcome men?
- We must be willing to take the time and effort
- Low pressure – It takes time
- Leadership
- Build relationships
- Establish a level of accountability
- We have to fall in love with Jesus – Make Disciples



Review – Five Types of Men

- **Unsaved** – Evangelistic Meetings, Man code, Training on how to share our faith
- **Cultural Christians** – Momentum Events
- **Disciples** – Programs, Going from wide to deep, Accountability
- **Leaders** – Teams, Delegating
- **Hurting** – Relationships, Encouragers, Sharing wisdom



A Call to Action

- What are your next steps?
 - Review your plan with your Pastor
- *The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago... the next best time is now (Chinese proverb)*
- Tool packets to take with you...
 - Lifebuilders Checkup
 - Idea Calendar
 - Planning Guide
 - Vision and Mission Form
 - Pastor's Prayer Partners Form



Resources for Men

- Indiana Men's Leadership Team
- Lifebuilders online store (www.adulthooddiscipleshipcog.com)
- Facebook – Indiana Lifebuilders
- “Man in the Mirror” Ministries (Patrick Morley)
- Christian Mens Network (Paul Cole)
- Fatherhood.com
- Kids Outdoor Zone
- Fight Club 414