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Crossroads Bible Church Ministry to Men

What is "Ministry to Men"?

Recently, three men from Crossroads Bible Church were privileged to attend the "Dangerous Man Day" conference 2010 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For purposes of clarity, it is appropriate to define "Dangerous Man." A Dangerous Man is not a man who kills for what he believes; a Dangerous Man is one who is willing to lay down his life for those whom he loves. Jesus Christ was the most Dangerous Man who ever lived; He gave his life as a sacrifice for those whom He loved- Jew and Gentile.

From that conference, it was apparent that our church needs an effective Ministry to Men. The four indispensable ingredients of a strong and dynamic Ministry to Men include:

- Male Context
- Prayer Support
- A Biblical Base
- Leadership Development

The purpose of a Ministry to Men is to make disciples of men; servants who lead. This mindset was exemplified by Jesus Christ during his ministry on earth, as seen in the following passages of scripture: Philippians 2: 3-8, John 13: 1-16 and Matthew 20: 25-28. In each of these passages, Jesus sets the example of how men should lead.

Some of the goals of a successful Ministry to Men are:

- Develop small groups of Men
- Develop Men to Follow Jesus
- Develop Men to Lead in the Home
- Develop Men for Service in the Local Church
- Develop Men for Service to the Community
- Develop Men for Personal Ministry
- Develop Men for Leadership Roles in the Church
- Develop a variety of Entry Points for Men to the Church
- Develop an intergenerational Ministry to Men

Ministry to Men is not an organization chart, nor is it a program; it is not events that entertain or fill a calendar for a year; it is a lifelong relationship to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

References:

"7 Keys to a Highly Effective Ministry to Men", Ronald B. Oertli, Gary G. Bateman, Chris Van Brocklin
"Strategies for Intergenerational Ministry", Dr. Chuck Stecker
"Who am I? --The Crucial Identity of a Dangerous Man," Paul Stanley

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are welcome every Thursday morning at 6:30 am (*with God, all things are possible*) to the men's prayer breakfast at the home of Daryl Grunau, 964 Otowi Place. For information call Daryl at 662-5365.

Men's Breakfast Club

White Rock every Thursday morning at 6:30 am We will have fellowship, prayer, and read "*Men Of Honor, Women of Virtue...*" (see review below) Call for location and information: Bret at 672-2262, Mike Smith 672-1007.

Start your own Men's group

Know a few guys you would like to meet with? Start meeting with them for breakfast or lunch to fellowship, talk, and pray together. "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." *Matthew 18:20*

Crossroads WANTS YOU!

“Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” *Proverbs 27:7*

Men of Crossroads, God has a high calling for our lives and we can be his instruments to sharpen one another for this calling! I have been blessed to be the beneficiary of many different men pouring into my life over the years and can attest to the faithfulness of God in my life through these brothers. I want to encourage you to taste of the goodness of the Lord through the close fellowship of godly men.

Men, we face many challenges in a society that is anti-God. Personally, I often feel overwhelmed and unprepared to be a husband, father, and leader. That is why I need other men in my life. The enemy wants us as men to remain spiritually weak and ineffective, but by the power of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of the brethren we can fight against the spiritual forces of darkness and the numbing and neutralizing effects of our society. God has given us many opportunities and many responsibilities.

Let us, as men, take advantage of the opportunities and step up to our responsibilities. Here is your OPPORTUNITY! Get involved in Crossroads Men’s Ministry and get EQUIPPED to step up to your RESPONSIBILITIES!

Blessings to you my Brothers,
Jesse

Crossroads wants you so we can develop a core group of men to start pursuing the development of a viable Ministry to Men at Crossroads. Creating a Ministry Leadership Team puts the burden on a group of men instead of one individual to "take the lead." Currently Bret Lockhart, Mike Smith, Brian Emkeit, Scott Wallin, and Steve Wallin comprise the ministry but are looking to recruit 3-4 more men to build the ministry.

The vision is to create opportunities for involvement, spiritual growth, accountability, prayer, and study groups that will set the stage for other small men's groups and provide ministry support for activities such as:

- Newsletter for Ministry to Men
- Men’s retreat planning - speaker, choose a theme, set up activities
- Monthly breakfasts and/or other meals w/speakers and/or workshop
- Monthly work parties (elderly, widow, etc...)
- Men's conference as a community outreach hosted by CBC
- Summer activities - golf, camping hiking, fishing, BBQ
- Mother's Day dinner event hosted by men
- Activities are for Men and Young Men alike!

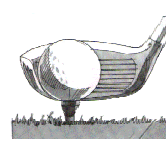
Resources:

Men of Integrity, <http://www.menofintegrity.org/>

Top Gun Men's Ministires, <http://www.topgunministries.org/>

National Coalition of Men's Ministries, <http://www.ncmm.org/>

Iron sharpens iron, <http://ironsharpensiron.net/>



Crossroads
Golf Scramble

Spring – May 14th

Fall – September 10th

BUILDING STATUS: MOVING IN!

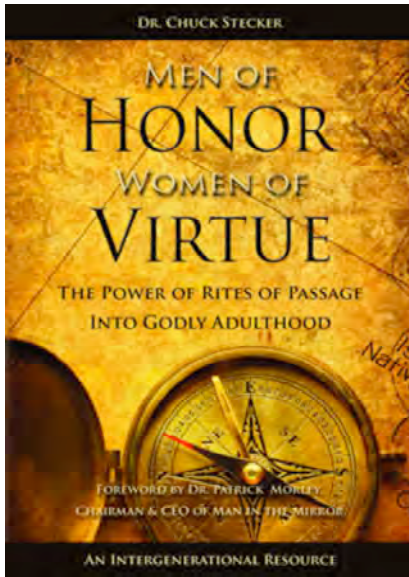
**MEN’S BREAKFAST AND WORK PARTY TO
GET ~30 GUYS TO PUT IN A FULL SATURDAY’S
WORK. (LANDSCAPING, SITE CLEANUP AND
ANYTHING ELSE)**

END OF MAY OR FIRST OF JUNE!

Crossroads Men’s Retreat at
Horn Creek!

Sep 30 – Oct 2

Stay tuned for information.



A very brief introductory view of the book,

“Men Of Honor, Women of Virtue”

In the penultimate Gospel, Luke records a question that our Lord asks that is both alarming and foreboding, at the same time seemingly paradoxical. We find His question stated in verse 8 of Chapter 18, concluding the parable of the Persistent Widow: “... Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

This question has always perplexed me, for I just could not understand or comprehend how the implication presented in this question could be true, but knowing that since Jesus stated it, the potential is inevitably there, that is, a totally faithless world.

When I started to read Dr. Chuck Stecker’s book, *Men of Honor, Women of Virtue*, the answer to Christ’s alarming question began to take hold. In the

Foreword to Dr. Stecker’s book, Dr. Patrick Morley makes the statement, “We simply do not have a process in the Christian church that effectively engages our children to embrace their parents’ faith as their own after leaving the nest.” Later in his Foreword, Dr. Morley states, “We need models for raising godly adult children”.

In the Introduction presented to his book, Dr. Stecker emphasizes “The rite of passage”, a “spiritual marker”, fulfilling the need of young men and women hungry for older men and women to bless them and to believe in them. As we read Dr. Stecker’s book collectively in the near future as a body of men, dedicated to men’s ministry, we’ll make a concerted effort to comprehend the importance of our intergenerational responsibility.

In Chapter 3 of *Men of Honor, Women of Virtue*, Dr Stecker provides us with some alarming statistics regarding “the losing of generations.” Of those children born before the year 1945, the percentage reached for Christ was 65%, those born between the years 1946-64, 35%, while those born between 1965-76, 15%, and based on current trends, those born between 1977 and 94 only 4%. “Nevertheless when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the Earth?” I think it becomes evident why this question was stated. (Is this a question or a statement of fact in the form of a question?)

In closing, a quote from John’s 3rd Epistle, John states, “I have no greater Joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth.” And for a final question, do we have this Joy?

B. W. Emkeit



Men’s SOFTBALL

*It is that time of
year!*

Season Begins May 10th.
For information call
Bret Lockhart 672-2262.

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Game #	Field	Date	Time	Opponent
1	OL2	Mon, May 10, 2010	5:45 PM	Northern Ballers
2	OL2	Mon, May 10, 2010	7:00 PM	Stickland Propane
3	XL	Mon, May 17, 2010	7:00 PM	Fire Water
4	XL	Mon, May 17, 2010	8:15 PM	Top Dawgs
5	XL	Mon, May 24, 2010	7:00 PM	Quinnstar
6	XL	Mon, May 24, 2010	8:15 PM	Sub Critters
7	OL2	Mon, Jun 07, 2010	6:00 PM	The Sons of Pitches
8	OL1	Mon, Jun 07, 2010	7:15 PM	Terranearasawrus
9	XL	Mon, Jun 14, 2010	6:00 PM	Spacenukes
10	OL3	Mon, Jun 14, 2010	7:15 PM	LANB/TG
11	OL3	Mon, Jun 21, 2010	6:00 PM	Top Dawgs
12	OL4	Mon, Jun 21, 2010	7:15 PM	LANB/TG
13	XL	Mon, Jun 28, 2010	6:00 PM	Sub Critters
14	XL	Mon, Jun 28, 2010	7:15 PM	Northern Ballers
15	OL4	Mon, Jul 12, 2010	6:00 PM	Fire Water
16	OL3	Mon, Jul 12, 2010	7:15 PM	The Sons of Pitches
17	XL	Mon, Jul 19, 2010	6:00 PM	Quinnstar
18	XL	Mon, Jul 19, 2010	8:30 PM	Spacenukes
19	OL3	Mon, Jul 26, 2010	6:00 PM	Stickland Propane
20	OL3	Mon, Jul 26, 2010	7:15 PM	Terranearasawrus

Survey Questions for a Ministry to Men

Demographic Questions:

- What is your age?
- What is your marital status?
- What are the ages of your children?
- What is your vocation?

Church Involvement Questions:

- How often do you attend worship services?
- How often do you attend Sunday school?
- How often do you attend a small group?
- How often do you attend an accountability group?
- What men's activities have you attended this last year?
- What is the best time for you to attend a men's activity?
- What men's activity would you most like to occur?

Interest Questions:

- What does your family enjoy doing in their spare time?
- What recreational activities do you enjoy?
- What are your hobbies?
- What special skills do you have?

Personal Questions:

- What marriage or family topics are you interested in?
- How often do you read your Bible? Have quiet time?
- Do you do a devotional with your wife and/or children?
- Do you have another man that you can confide in?

This survey will be posted on the Crossroads Bible Church website to allow anonymous responses under 'Ministries' – 'Ministry to Men'.

It will be used to help guide, plan, and direct efforts to create opportunities for involvement and spiritual growth as part of the Crossroads Bible Church Ministry to Men.

Once the survey is posted use 'CBCMOI' to access the online survey