

# Men With a Purpose Leadership Tips

**MEN WITH A PURPOSE**

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**An Equipping Resource For Men's Leaders Across the EFCA**

**FOCUSING YOUR MEN'S MINISTRY** As a men's ministry leader, perhaps you sometimes struggle with the question of whether you are using the right strategy as you disciple your men. So often, it feels like an isolated piece of ministry has no connection to the overall plan. It's easy to lose perspective and fall into the "ala-carte" habit. Let's look together at several ministry categories, key principles for each, and their implications for your church.

## **MEN'S CONFERENCES**

- *Key Principle:* These interchurch or parachurch conferences act as a catalyst to motivate men and "ignite" local men's ministry. (examples: Denominational men's conferences, parachurch men's conferences, etc.)
- *Implications for your church:* As your men return from a men's conference, they will often be inspired and motivated to do something for God. Some of them will have made commitments to Jesus Christ and to people in their lives. Many will want to be involved in men's ministry in your church.

## **MEN'S SPECIAL EVENTS**

- *Key Principle:* Special events are focused on non-threatening activities that allow men to begin to become acquainted with each other. They are organized by a local church to provide an entry point or "first step" for men on the periphery of the church or in the community. (examples: Barbecues, softball games, fishing trips, basketball tournament, etc.)
- *Implications for your church:* Special events are a way to publicize your church's men's ministry. Guys will enjoy these activities, and they are a good place for your men to bring their unchurched friends.

## **MEN'S EQUIPPING SEMINARS**

- *Key Principle:* Seminars and training sessions offer men an opportunity to grow personally and to develop leadership skills. They are another good entry point for men on the periphery of the church. (examples: Fathering seminars, community involvement seminars, marriage workshops, financial seminars, etc.)
- *Implications for your church:* Most of the men in your church know what they "should" do. Men's seminars encourage them and help show them *how* to do it. Men, their families, and your church will all benefit.

## **MEN'S CONGREGATIONAL GATHERINGS**

- *Key Principle:* These gatherings invite all the men in the church together for biblical teaching, fellowship and prayer. They challenge Christian men to interact and build up one another, as the men pursue godliness. (examples: Monthly men's breakfast, men's retreat, "men's day" programs, etc.)
- *Implications for your church:* Your men need a place where they are encouraged in their walk with God and can develop friendships with other Christian brothers. A gathering at your church or a retreat site will begin to do that, as well as giving your men a "taste" of what can happen in a men's small group.

## **MEN'S SMALL GROUPS**

- *Key Principle:* Men's small groups offer a man the greatest potential for spiritual growth, because he chooses to become a member of a team committed to mutual support, self-disclosure, and honoring Jesus Christ in their relationships and church. Men's small groups usually involve 4 to 7 men meeting on a weekly or regular basis.
- *Implications for your church:* Men's small groups are vital to the spiritual health of the guys in your church. Effective small groups will help your men overcome isolation in their lives, give them mutual encouragement in resolving daily problems, and provide them a "team environment" to grow and minister to their family, friends, your church and community.

## **MENTORING MEN**

- *Key Principle:* Mentoring provides a developmental relationship where men will grow personally to become servant leaders to their families, churches and communities. Men's mentoring normally involves two men meeting on a weekly or monthly basis to accomplish personal growth and ministry goals.
- *Implications for your church:* As godly mentors and motivated mentorees establish mentoring relationships within your church, the potential for developing leaders in the church multiplies (II Timothy 2:2). Your men will grow to become leaders to their families, church and community – everyone benefits!

## **EFCA Men's Ministries Update**

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The annual Rocky Mountain District Men's Ministry Leadership Summit continues to get better and better each year. The district men's ministry leadership team organizes this inspirational and equipping event that targets pastors and their church's men's ministry leadership team.

In March, 63 leaders representing 20 churches spent two days together networking and sharpening each other. Part of the time was spent celebrating what God has done through the men of each church since the last time these leaders met last year. It's exciting to see the progress that takes place when leaders commit to work together.

In May, I will be assisting Bob Brueggen launch the first North Central District Men's Leadership Summit near Rochester, MN. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, leaders from the region will spend the day looking at some of the principles and implications for their churches presented above. We expect that this will provide much needed help for these churches committed to strengthening their men's disciple making ministries.

But, these district teams recognizes that one event each year is not going to be enough to reach effectiveness in each of the churches. They have plans to provide support and encouragement the other 364 days when these leaders need them. They see their roles as coaches and resources from the district to the local church.

Perhaps you'd like to strengthen your district's men's ministries. We can assist you with that vision and would love to partner with you.

We value your comments and suggestions concerning EFCA Men's Ministries and how we can serve you.

Write [cvanbrocklin@efca.org](mailto:cvanbrocklin@efca.org) for more information.

### **WHAT MEN'S LEADERS ARE READING**

The Leadership Baton, An Intentional Strategy for Developing Leaders in Your Church, by Rowland Forman, Jeff Jones, and Bruce Miller

Twelve Ordinary Men, How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, by John MacArthur

Both of these books are featured this month at NextStep Resources 1-800-444-BOOK or [www.nsresources.com](http://www.nsresources.com)



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The mission of the EFCA is *to glorify God by multiplying healthy churches among all people.*

EFCA Men's Ministries joins the Women's Ministries, Student Ministries, Children's Ministries, Church Planting, and Church Health Divisions of EFCA National Ministries in our combined goal of *serving district and church leaders as they multiply healthy churches among all people.*

We have a vision for all churches to have healthy men's disciple making ministries. Our mission is ***to assist local churches as they strengthen their men's disciple making ministries to and through men.***

### **TOOL BOX**

*The Men With A Purpose Start Up Kit*

EFCA Men's Ministries has assembled a number of key resources that have been used successfully by churches to strengthen their men's disciple-making ministries and put them in an economical, handy leader's tool kit. These workbooks, books, assessment kit, and CD have proven to be invaluable to churches that are starting a men's ministry for the first time, reinventing their ministry to men, or simply searching for ways to strengthen what they are already doing. Here is a list of the resources found within: *The Men's Ministry Action Plan*, *7 Keys to a Highly Effective Ministry to Men*, *The Assessment Survey Kit (A.S.K.)*, *Effective Men's Ministry*, *No Higher Calling*. For details see the resource page of [www.efca.org/men](http://www.efca.org/men)

### **2004 MEN'S LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**April 24** EFCA Pacific Northwest Men's Leadership Summit – Summit EFC – Enumclaw, WA

**May 11-13** The Church of Irresistible Influence Leadership Conference – Fellowship Bible Church – Little Rock, AR

**May 14** Men With a Purpose Leadership Training – Trinity EFC – Memphis, TN

**June 30-July 3** EFCA Leadership Conference - Salt Lake City, UT