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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to **LAUNCH**, a tool to help you start a Men's Ministries community in your local church. This document will walk you through the steps to establish leadership, set a vision, and create a place for the men of your church to develop the courage, endurance, and strength to become the men God wants them to be.

Today, men are facing attack on spiritual, emotional, relational, and even physical fronts. Popular culture and the media paint the average man as foolish, selfish, clumsy, aggressive, abusive, and a sexual predator among other negative things. It's important to discern that this is a spiritual battle, and it's in direct opposition to God's definition of manhood. These attacks can affect a man's identity, relationships, purpose, and vision with the ultimate goal of eroding God's design for him and his place in the home. Recent trends have indicated that if a father engages in church, the vast majority of his family will as well. The Enemy will stop at nothing to keep this from happening. Without a proper plan to fight against this attack of the Enemy, it could be a very bleak future for men. This is where a healthy Men's Ministries group aims to serve the men and families of your church and beyond.

Using the accounts of Christ's baptism and His temptation, National Men's Ministries has developed measuring points to help men assess if they're living, growing, and serving in a healthy way. This biblical exploration exposes the path to become the man God intended in your home, church, marketplace, and community through four dimensions of manhood:

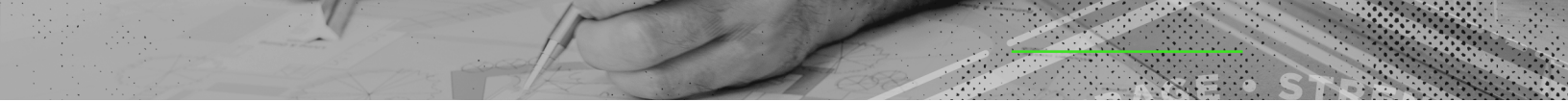
RELATIONSHIP

PURPOSE

IDENTITY

VISION





These four dimensions of manhood are derived from Christ's water baptism and temptations found in Matthew chapters 3 and 4. They are used to help measure a man's progress in life, growth, and servanthood. The following will provide an overview of each of these four dimensions.

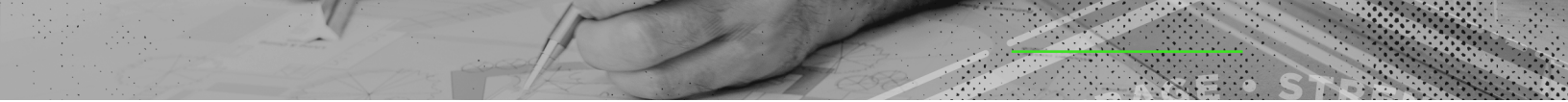
Scripture is clear that **RELATIONSHIP** has an extremely high value to God. That value is clearly on display through Jesus at His water baptism in Matthew chapter 3. A detailed look at this event exposes Jesus' relationship to His Father, His family, and even the onlookers. Yet God's desire for healthy relationship with man started long before this event. God created the first man with relationship in mind. Though it's not clear exactly how long Adam was in the Garden with God before Eve was created, it's noteworthy that God didn't create them at the same time. It's as if God wanted to establish His relationship with Adam before any other people were introduced into his life. God was establishing His identity in Adam prior to any outside influence.

Continuing past Jesus' baptism into Matthew chapter 4 quickly leads to His first temptation. Studying this temptation gives the tools to measure a man's **IDENTITY** in Christ. A healthy identity allows a man to understand who he is and gives him the strength to stand for principles of unwavering faith regardless of circumstances. God created man in His image which included gifting him with identity tied to his Creator. Though God gave the precious gift of His image, men have strayed and continue to struggle with identity questions like, "Who am I?" and "How does God see me?" By recognizing his identity in Christ, a man's life can move beyond these questions.

The second temptation Jesus faced in Matthew chapter 4 is where the dimension of **PURPOSE** is derived. Purpose allows a man to continue a healthy pattern of serving in the midst of great adversity. When Adam was formed, the Godhead placed a purpose within Adam. That purpose played a very important role in Adam's life. It gave Adam the drive and focus to continue after sin entered the equation. Purpose provides a man with the fortitude to continue into a healthy manhood, marriage or singleness, ministry, and mission in spite of life's challenges.

The final temptation of Christ detailed in Matthew chapter four reveals the dimension of **VISION**. Vision explores a man's deepest desires while challenging his ability to surrender them to Christ. Vision gave Adam the ability to dream and seek a pathway for life. God used vision to help Adam see how to move from the failure in the Garden into his future outside. God always





places vision in men to find fulfillment. Because of God's vision for humanity's future, His Son came to earth and became the Savior of humanity.

These four dimensions are used as the foundation for Men's Ministries. Through studying these dimensions found in the life of Jesus, men have the ultimate template to follow for biblical manhood. Jesus' life provides the pattern for all men to become the man the Father desires. Following Jesus' instructions, behaviors, and experiences will allow a man to replicate this pattern in his life and courageously lead others to do the same.

As you work through this resource, we hope that you receive helpful instruction, find amazing team members, and develop a vision that you'll cast for those whom God has placed in your world to travel with you on this journey. There are men in your church who want to overcome their struggles, those spiritual battles that consume their daily lives, and follow the pattern of manhood given to them by Jesus. This men's community is a means for you to help them reach that goal. Our earnest prayer is that the Holy Spirit would help you gather a diversity of men from your church and community, and step into a tremendous future through Men's Ministries.

This LAUNCH resource is the first of four. These resources will incrementally guide you through the process of starting and strengthening a Men's Ministries group that will radically change each man's home, church, and community. The next three are respectively titled, **LEAD**, **LEARN**, and **LIVE**.





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TO THE PASTOR

Your desire as pastor of the men in your church is to see them grow spiritually, enjoy fellowship, participate in church ministries, and ultimately have a deep and growing commitment to Christ. One of the primary places this can happen is in a dedicated, Spirit-filled, Men's Ministries group.

Men's Ministries groups offer several key benefits to the men of your church. They create a positive environment for fellowship, fun, spiritual growth, and discipleship, while men also explore service and ministry. Meetings allow opportunities to share their life stories and experiences and be encouraged by the stories of others. Meetings also provide a comfortable place for men to find their voice of worship for times they are worshipping alone with God, with family, or with friends.

By creating these groups and leading or selecting capable leadership, you're offering these benefits to enhance not only the lives of the men in your church, but your entire flock. (Continue to Step 1: Prayer.)





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TO THE MEN'S MINISTRIES LEADER

You were selected to lead this Men's Ministries group for a reason. Maybe you already have a heart for ministering to men, or maybe someone saw potential in you to work with this unique group in your church. To help you understand the direction for this type of ministry, here is a vision for a healthy Men's Ministries group.

Men's Ministries groups should aim to equip the men of your church to discover and fulfill a Spirit-empowered life in their home, church, and marketplace. It will give participants opportunities to discover and accept who they are in Christ, what they can become through the power of the Holy Spirit, how they can serve to fulfill God's plan, and how they can find the courage to share their faith to those around them by the confidence of His Word. These groups create an environment for men that ensures no one has to walk his journey alone.

This resource will aid you along the path to creating this type of group.
(Continue to Step 4: Form the Lead Team.)





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STEP 1

PRAYER AND FINDING THE RIGHT LEADER

Pastor, it's unlikely that you'll find the right man for a Men's Ministries leadership role if you're simply looking to fill a slot. By starting with prayer, you will allow the Holy Spirit to guide you into a realm of discovery you might miss if you only use your own resources. **Spend time with the Lord, and ask Him to reveal the man (or men) to approach as leader of this ministry.** As you pursue God's leading, listen carefully for His direction; He may even ask you to be the one to start the Men's Ministries group.

The following list can be used as a guide during your prayerful search for a Men's Ministries leader. It contains the kinds of characteristics you should desire in your men's group leader. Keep in mind that even though not everyone will have all these traits, the individual or lead team should reflect many of these:

- **Passionate:** He has a fervent desire to see men disciplined for Jesus.
- **Loyal:** He will faithfully support his pastor's ministry and direction.
- **Leader:** He is a mature believer, able to teach, direct, and keep the Bible at the center of every lesson or event.
- **Integrity:** He is uncompromising regardless of life's circumstances or challenges.
- **Teachable:** He is willing to receive feedback and direction from his pastor or leader.



- **Generous:** He is open-handed with his resources, skills, and time.
- **Family-oriented:** He protects and provides for his household as well as his church family.
- **Influencer:** He has the ability to recruit and greatly impact the lives of men.
- **Mentor:** He guides and develops men as disciples of Christ.





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STEP 2

FEEDBACK

Once you've determined the person the Lord has placed on your heart, it is recommended you share that information with other church leaders and ask for their feedback. There is safety in a multitude of counsel. Share the names of the men you believe could lead a Men's Ministries group. Some helpful questions to ask church leaders might be:

- How do you feel about this person or group?
- Would you be willing to support launching our Men's Ministries group under his or their leadership?
- Do you have any recommendations on moving forward from this point?
- What else can we do to make sure our Men's Ministries group will be successful for the launch and over the next few years?

As you meet to share your vision for Men's Ministries, please consider allowing those in the room to share their opinions before you give your thoughts. **Once a pastor or church leader shares opinions, it becomes more difficult for some to share their thoughts.**





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STEP 3

MEET WITH YOUR SELECTED MEN'S LEADER

When you have direction for the Men's Ministries group leader, schedule a time to share your vision for the group with him. In that conversation, share your confidence in his ability to lead this ministry. Part of his confidence as a leader will be established based on your confidence in him.

Then, ask for his thoughts about the ministry and the possible vision for the group. After the potential leader has responded, communicate your thoughts and vision. Discuss the potential benefits a men's group would offer to the future of the church. The potential leader may ask for a period of time to pray and think about your request. Grant his request. If he makes the commitment to lead Men's Ministries in your church, it is time for a team to be formed to lead alongside him.





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STEP 4

FORM THE LEAD TEAM

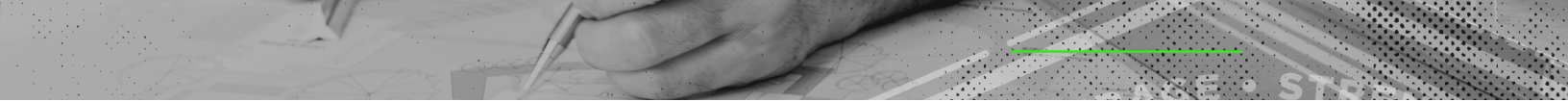
Leader, after you've met with your pastor and accepted his invitation to lead, you will need to **work with him or her to shape the Men's Ministries meetings, create a lead team, and impart the his or her vision for Men's Ministry into that team.**

It is suggested a personal invitation be extended to each man you desire to serve with you on the lead team. Personal invitations are the best way to recruit. Be careful not to rush the recruitment process. **If your church has a number of men who are eligible to serve on a lead team, consider assigning them to specific areas or responsibilities.**

Ministry does not always happen at a quick pace. It would be better to start off slowly and carefully build a strong foundation to maintain the growth that will come. **A minimum of three months is recommended to build and prepare a Men's Ministries lead team before you launch your Men's Ministries group meetings.**

As your team begins to meet, you should **focus on prayer, growth, and the process you sense the Holy Spirit leading you to implement in your church.** While you model the process for your team, they should not only hear the direction for Men's Ministries but also **experience the direction.** To build a productive ministry, you must not only have events, but you must have processes to help grow, sustain, and disciple the men who have been entrusted to you.





Once the members for the lead team have been selected, go through this **LAUNCH** document together and consider the following:

- When do you launch?
- How often will you meet?
- What is an ideal amount of time for a meeting?
- What will you place on the agenda?
- What resources are needed for a meeting?
- How will you publicize the launch of Men's Ministries in the church?
- How often will the lead team meet?
- What level of engagement does the pastor want to have?





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STEP 5

DECIDE ON MEETING TYPES

As the men's group leader, you must understand your part in the discipleship process. We suggest you design a ministry that complements the discipleship ministries already in place in your church. Each meeting serves as an opportunity to help you connect with men at their level of spiritual engagement, begin the process of discipleship, reach their sphere of influence, and train for service at home, at church, and in the marketplace. The ultimate goal of the process should be to move men from events to close relationships, to develop men into godly leaders, and to help each man seek after God with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength. Ultimately, you are endeavoring to create a community for the men of your church.

Every man's life journey is different. As you and the team proceed into the development of a Men's Ministries group in your church, the next step should be to discover a balanced ministry model which best fits your church. Every meeting style listed below is designed to help the leader process and facilitate a balanced Men's Ministries approach. Regardless of which model you use, the goal remains the same: to see men grow in Christ, serve the church, and minister to their world. *In Step 7, there is information about numerous Men's Ministries resources available to you, free of charge.*

Below are the three most commonly used Men's Ministries meeting types:

- **Discipleship Meetings** are primarily structured for spiritual growth. The measurable outcomes will be more succinct and planned. Within these meetings are times for **worship, prayer, a serious Bible study, fellowship, and fun.** Examples of successful discipleship meetings are: small group book studies, book of the Bible studies, leadership training, and committed prayer groups.



- **Fellowship Meetings** focus on the connection of men in areas of relationship building and spiritual growth within their current spiritual walk. The agenda for fellowship meetings may include expanded times for **fellowship, casual conversation, one-on-one relationship building, food, and fun**. Examples of successful fellowship meetings include: sports events, basic Bible studies, meal events, and father/child nights.
- **Specialty Group Meetings** are structured around a common passion. They are **event-driven** and **vary in measurable outcomes**. Examples of specialty groups are: motorcycle trips, golf outings, softball teams, workout group, hiking group, hunting/fishing group, special needs services, and community services.

It is encouraged that you and your team spend some time thinking strategically about every model of meeting and plan them with the hope to see spiritual growth patterns develop in the men. The Men's Ministries lead team should take an extra step to assure that each meeting has a defined and measurable objective. As you meet with your lead team and begin to determine your objectives and desired outcomes, make sure each meeting will deepen the men's relationship with Christ. This is where you and your lead team can figure out what is the best way, in your context, to disciple men. **Your district/network Men's director can assist you through the discovery and development process. Visit <https://men.ag.org/district-directors> to find your director's contact information.**





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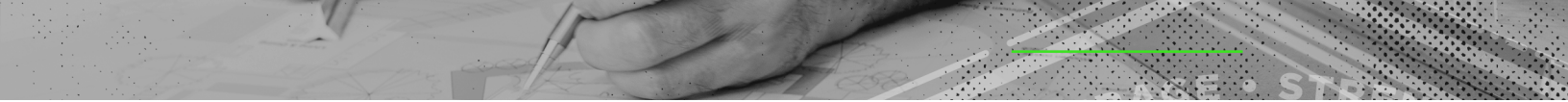
PREPARE FOR LAUNCH

Good preparation is the key to a successful Men's Ministries launch. When one constructs a building, attention to detail prior to building can ensure the building process is smooth. **You need to build a healthy team to facilitate a healthy, smooth foundation that sustains healthy growth in your Men's Ministries group.** We suggest a minimum of three months of strategic planning with your lead team prior to the official Men's Ministries launch date in your church.

During that time, determine how you will connect with the men of your church to make them aware of the upcoming launch. Just like different men connect better with different meeting types, different types of engagement will connect with different men of your church. For some, promotional information in a church bulletin or projected in a digital slide presentation will make them aware. For others, you may want to create social media pages to get the word out. (Establishing a social media presence can also help create points of connection with your group outside of meeting times.) **Formulate a diverse and planned out promotional strategy to engage the diversity of men you want to participate in your upcoming launch.**

Gather valuable information from your pastor to help determine the target date for your launch. He can inform you more efficiently about what's going on in the lives of men of your church without having to connect with each one individually. While you cannot accommodate every man and his schedule, you can consider things like school schedules, the opening of various hunting seasons, and sporting events as you aim for the best time to launch the group. You should assess your culture and select the best time that fits within your context.





Connect with your pastor or church leadership to determine the frequency and time allotment for your meetings. One suggestion, which depends on the agenda, should be a meeting time between ninety minutes to two hours in length. The larger group meeting should be monthly unless the men desire to meet more frequently. **Ultimately, consistency is vital as you develop the schedule that fits the men of your church, so try to find a meeting time that is sustainable.**





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STEP 7

USING MEN'S MINISTRIES DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

Discipleship is vital to the long-term success and healthy growth of a man. **National Men's Ministries believes that every disciplined man should be missional and every missional man should be disciplined.** However, men sometimes struggle with being accountable and placing themselves into a discipleship process. For that reason, it is suggested to create an environment where they can partner with other men and begin to build strong, healthy, spiritual relationships that lead to discipleship development.

While large events provide a place for men to build relationships, it is in the discipleship arena where men grow in Christ and as leaders in their families and church. A manageable and healthy discipleship group usually consists of between eight to ten men. It is suggested that a Men's Ministries group meet at least monthly to establish an environment where men feel comfortable to engage in discussion, activities, and relationships.

Men enjoy *doing*, but discipleship has, as its focus, the *being* of a man. This allows a man to do what God has planned for him to do as he learns how to be the man God wants him to be. This is one of the reasons the National Men's Ministries department has created discipleship resources. **The goal of these resources is to assist men in their private studies or in a small group setting, allowing them to grow into the man God wants them to be.** These resources assist the men in your church to better relate to their families, their church leadership, their occupational world, and those they meet in daily life.



These resources were created to empower you as you work through the discipleship process you developed for the men of your church.

First, the National Men's Ministries office has a free daily devotional which you can access and subscribe to at <https://www.men.ag.org/daily-devotional>. This devotional is user-friendly and can be read on all devices and digital platforms. Devotionals can be read in minutes and include a Scripture, practical observation, and application steps.

The National Men's Ministries discipleship resources are divided into the four dimensions of manhood (Identity, Relationship, Purpose, and Vision) discussed in the beginning of this **LAUNCH** document. **These discipleship resources are built on three spiritual growth levels: courage, strength, and endurance.** Each growth level will be engaged in every discipleship resource. The courage growth level targets men who want to discover Christ or take their first steps in Christ. The strength growth level targets men who have a relationship with Christ currently and are involved actively in their home and local church. Finally, the endurance level targets men who are engaged in spiritual leadership/mentorship and committed to investing in the next generation of men.

Every man should grow in all four dimensions of manhood. Here are a few examples for beginning your discipleship groups or using these resources in your monthly Men's Ministries meeting. These suggestions focus on questions men ask. These examples also show how your men's lead team can use multiple discipleship resources to target a single focus area for spiritual growth. There are more examples in the Appendix on various subject matter for personal use and small group or large group meetings. You can access these and additional free resources that best fit your group at <https://www.men.ag.org/home#resources>.

Who Am I?

This discipleship study series will enhance your group's understanding of who they are in Christ and help them explore some of the deeper questions that men have about their identity. You can use the complete set or pick the individual series you believe would best fit your group.

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<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Where%20is%20He%20Leading%20You>



- **Purpose: X-Factor** Men want to know how to honor and please God. This series addresses the boundaries God created for an abundant life that honors Him. Men can find purpose by understanding the heart and directives of God while pursuing life as He declares. (Available in Spanish.)

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/X-Factor>

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<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Boundaries>
- **Relationships: Boiling Points** Men struggle with emotions in their life. If emotions are not dealt with properly, it will produce toxicity in the heart. This series identifies toxic emotions and helps develop a strategy to take command over the toxic emotions in a man's life.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Boiling-Points>
- **Relationships: The Christian and Sexuality** Men desperately need a biblical understanding of appropriate, biblical sexuality today. The world is attempting to set a distorted agenda, but God is the author of healthy sexuality. In this series, men will discover what God and His Word says to them about this important topic.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Christians-and-Sexuality>
- **Purpose: Stumbling Blocks to Spirituality** Christian men need to be different from the world they are in, but they often run into stumbling blocks on the way to that goal. Every man can use guidance on how to grow in his purpose spiritually in order to positively impact his world. This series will help the group discover how to remove the stumbling blocks that keep men from representing God to a world that desperately needs Him.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/Stumbling-Blocks>





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STEP 8

COMMUNICATING WITH THE PASTOR, LEAD TEAM, AND BEYOND

To make the greatest impact, the Men's Ministries leader should schedule regular leadership meetings with the lead team for clarification, vision casting, and assessment of the Men's Ministries group. The areas of focus should include sharing the successes or adjustments made since the previous meeting, discussing how the small groups are doing, ensuring the church calendar includes all the Men's Ministries event dates, sharing stories or testimonies from men within the group who have experienced victories, and having a time of prayer for the men of the church.

In addition to these meetings, it is advisable for the pastor to meet with the lead team throughout the calendar year. Listed below are a few of the questions to consider as the lead team works through the vision and processes for the future success and spiritual fulfillment of their Men's Ministries group:

- **How are we doing?** If you have not launched, are you prepared for the launch date? If you have launched, how did it go?
- **What feedback are we receiving?** What information are you receiving and what levels of excitement do you sense from the men about Men's Ministries?
- **Do we need to make adjustments?** Double-check your dates, meeting format, meeting length, resource selection, promotional efforts, team leadership, etc. to see if changes should be made.



- **When is our next meeting?** Depending on how things are going, your meetings might require more frequency in the beginning and less frequency as time passes.
- **When should we launch discipleship groups?** As you begin your launch, be patient about launching your discipleship groups unless your men are already looking and hoping for these meetings to take place.

Once your group is established, it's advisable to connect with your district Men's Ministries leadership. The district leader will be able to help you with resources, connect you with other groups, and make you aware of district events that your group may want to participate in. By connecting with your district Men's Ministries community, you allow the men of your group to make broader connections and give opportunities that an individual church may not be able to offer. Find your district leader at <https://men.ag.org/district-directors>, connect with him, and share the exciting news about your team's launch!





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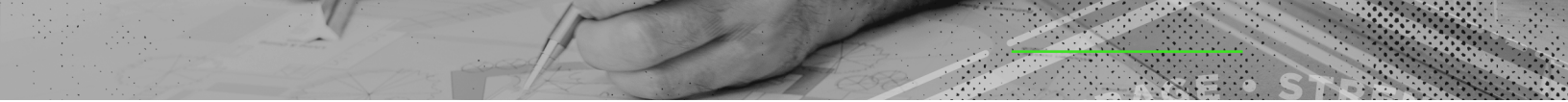
WHAT IS NEXT?

Now that you've gone through **LAUNCH** and started your Men's Ministries group, the National Men's Ministries team has three additional resources as you move forward into increased levels of spiritual health, community, service, and missions. The **LEAD**, **LEARN**, and **LIVE** pieces will continue to inform you and offer guidance on becoming a spiritual community that fully provides for the men of your church.

The next resource, **LEAD**, focuses on the development of future leaders from within your group. **LEAD** addresses three disciplines that are needed to develop a healthy leader: awareness, accountability, and development. **The focus of this resource is on spiritual formation and biblical character which will enable you to lead yourself and others.**

The third resource is **LEARN**. This resource is a pathway to help men learn valuable discipleship patterns. **LEARN** gives the resources needed to inform the group on how to minister and serve in their home, church, and marketplace. **The application tools allow men to process how to minister in their home, understand the dynamics of serving in the church, approach men in their world who need to know Christ, answer difficult questions, and find their place of ministry in the occupational world.** The practical resources in **LEARN** will assist men as they develop disciplines such as a personal prayer time, personal devotions, and how to serve Communion to their family. **LEARN** focuses on practical skills to help steward the influence you have been given.





The fourth resource, **LIVE**, targets the long-term win each man can have when he stays on the right course. Living out manhood is not an easy task, but this resource provides every man with the necessary tools to develop into a godly man. **LIVE explores how culture tries to skew a man's path, how temptations can sabotage the future, and how sin can destroy vision.** This resource will help your group formulate a plan to help shape the culture of each man's home and workplace. Begin the journey of equipping men with the tools to invest in those in their sphere of influence.





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APPENDIX

The following appendix contains a list of discipleship materials created by the National Men's Ministries team to enhance your team meetings and allow you to offer a variety of topics for study.

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<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/X-Factor>
- **Purpose: A Sure Foundation** Men face a culture war in the United States. The battleground is the home and the core issue is truth. This series helps men to establish a sure foundation so they can lead their families to face an uncertain future with confidence.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/A-Sure-Foundation>
- **Purpose: God, Can I Ask You a Question?** Men want to know about their future. Some have developed their own methods in an attempt to find a plan for life. But God has not left men to their own devices when it comes



to mapping out life. It's okay to ask God questions; He is a big God! He has already thoughtfully provided the answers to most questions in writing. These three lessons offer insights from God's Word that will give an overview of how to handle the questions men have for God.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/God-Can-I-Ask-You-a-Question>

- **Identity: Who Are You Spiritually?** Men have a desire to be a spiritually productive believer. To move that direction begins with getting their mind-set in the right place. This series will help men get there by clearly affirming their identity in Christ.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/Who-Are-You-Spiritually>

- **Identity: Christian Discipline** As a new believer, certain disciplines need to be established from the beginning. This series will explore the four central ideas that will help men make an impact in their life and in the lives of those around them.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/Christian-Discipline>

- **Identity: Twelve Disciples** When thinking about Jesus' disciples, many men have a mental picture of a group of guys who never had issues or endured struggles. In this series, men will discover that Jesus' twelve disciples were just ordinary men whom Jesus chose to use in spite of their shortcomings.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/The-Twelve-Disciples>

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<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Boundaries>

- **Vision: Five Excuses of Moses** Men still struggle, as Moses did, with making excuses about their relationship with God and their obedience to Him. Those kinds of excuses only keep Christians from a place of being on mission for Him. This series helps put to rest any excuse not to follow God and His direction.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Five-Excuses-of-Moses>



- **Vision: Surge** Men want and desperately need to be courageous in today's culture. The cultural pressure of the day is to simply accept everything in the name of tolerance. These lessons help inspire the courage needed to stand in today's world.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Surge>
- **Relationships: Boiling Points** Men struggle with emotions in their life. If emotions are not dealt with properly, it will produce toxicity in the heart. This series identifies toxic emotions and helps develop a strategy to take command over the toxic emotions in a man's life.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Boiling-Points>
- **Relationships: The Christian and Sexuality** Men desperately need a biblical understanding of appropriate, biblical sexuality today. The world is attempting to set a distorted agenda, but God is the author of healthy sexuality. In this series, men will discover what God and His Word says to men about this important topic.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Christians-and-Sexuality>
- **Purpose: Stumbling Blocks to Spirituality** Christian men need to be different from the world they are in, but they often run into stumbling blocks on the way to that goal. Every man can use guidance on how to grow in his purpose spiritually in order to positively impact his world. This series will help the group discover how to remove the stumbling blocks that keep men from representing God to a world that desperately needs Him.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/Stumbling-Blocks>
- **Purpose: New Me** Most men would like to have a few do-overs in life. Messing up can leave a person wondering if there's any opportunity start over. In these lessons, learn how to put the past behind, begin fresh, and follow God's plan for life.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/New-Me>
- **Identity: The Basics** Men desire to be successful in life, but they may not know how to get to that place of success. Often, the best way to begin that journey is with the basics. In these lessons, men will discover three basic things are needed to successfully navigate life: encouragement, inspiration, and knowing truth.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/The-Basics>
- **Identity: Spiritual Warfare** Men are in a battle daily. The Bible teaches that while believers are to do battle with evil, there is a proper way to prepare for the fight. In this series, men will discover that God provides the equipment needed. However, men must be willing to wear the equipment and be prepared for war.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/Spiritual-Warfare>



- **Identity: Freedom from Condemnation** All men have flaws and shortcomings. Sometimes, flaws and shortcomings hinder a man from being used by God, causing lives of bondage and regret. In this series from Romans chapter 8, men will find hope, encouragement, and direction for life of freedom.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/Freedom-from-Condemnation>

How Can I Better Serve the Lord and My Church?

These discipleship resources provide direction to men on the how-tos of serving the Lord, family, church, and community. These studies give each man the opportunity to learn from the past and place himself in the right location where God can use him.

- **Purpose: Get into the Game** In sports, men typically prefer to play than sit on the bench. The same is true for the spiritual life. The good news is, God has gifted everyone with the ability to get into the eternal game. God has placed all the resources and giftings to accomplish this goal within the body of Christ. In this series, men will discover how to activate these gifts and resources to meet the needs around them. (Available in Spanish)

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/Get-Into-the-Game>

- **Purpose: The Big House** Men like to be part of something that makes a difference. The church should be a place that fulfills that need by making a difference in the lives of the community. In this series, questions are addressed, like: What is the church, and what is it not? What does church mean? What is my place in the church? What does God want to do in the church? What is my role, and how do I belong to the church? How can the church deal with the challenges it faces?

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/The-Big-House>

- **Purpose: Demands of Discipleship** Men often prefer lives full of action and transformation. As a Christian, a man's life is far more than simply accepting Christ and then sitting in a church. This series helps each man experience how to move beyond those beginnings and bring transformation and action to his life as a believer.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/Demands-of-Discipleship>

- **Identity: Fifty Days for Fire** The Holy Spirit is available to build quality relationships between believers and with the heavenly Father. This series will develop a foundation of who the Holy Spirit is and give opportunity to experience the Holy Spirit in a deeper way. (Available in Spanish)

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/50-Days-for-Fire>



How Can I Honor God with My Finances?

This series provides every man with an opportunity to discover what God has to say about finances and how to handle them in a biblically based way.

- **Vision: More: How God Increases** Many men are on an endless path to improve their life, not just for the moment, but the future as well. In this series, men will discover what God's Word declares about improving their financial state, godly abundance, and more.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/More-How-God-causes-Increase>
- **Vision: Curing Recession Depression** Finances are a core strain on the man in almost every household. This topic causes problems in almost every area of a man's life. Exploring this series will uncover how to develop healthy financial habits that will leave a legacy for the family and allow each man to break from the prison of finances being his master.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Curing-Recession-Depression>

How Can I Share My Faith?

This series expands on core beliefs and establishes a clear pathway to sharing your relationship with Christ with others.

- **Vision: Tag** Culture changes rapidly. If the church is going to engage and reach the lost, the church must change the way it represents Christ and His impact after the Cross. This series helps provide a snapshot of the current culture. It also provides assurance of the power of God in the lives of believers. That power is the source of confidence to communicate Christ with those whom God has placed around them. (Available in Spanish)
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Tag-Youre-It>
- **Vision: Courageous Living** Men have an innate desire to show people that they have courage. Yet, the reality of intimidation works against these displays of courage. These lessons will instill the courage needed to overcome the intimidation by today's world.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Courage>

How Can I Overcome the Obstacles in My Life?

This series focuses on the obstacles that stop many men in their tracks. It provides help to overcome them, move beyond the past, and begin to live in faith and victory.



- **Relationships: Connecting** Men were designed to connect with others. Connecting at some level is not something that must be taught as a life skill; it is something that is instinctive. Yet various life scenarios can push men away from important connections. In this series, men will learn why connecting with others is important.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Connecting>
- **Relationships: A Future for Your Family** Men desire families with great futures that impact the world. In this series, men will learn God's plan for the future of every family and gain tools to help them face today's challenges.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/A-Future-for-Your-Family>
- **Relationships: Home Improvement** Many men have an innate need to fix and improve things. Improvement is desired in every marriage and family, but sometimes it's hard to know exactly how to fix it. In this series, men will discover biblical tools to help them make improvements in their marriage and family that provide health and strength.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Home-Improvement>
- **Relationships: Healing Life's Hurts through Forgiveness** Men often say and do things that cause pain in the lives of those around them. Many are left not knowing how to remove that pain. In this series, men will discover that forgiveness is necessary to heal the hurts of life.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Healing-Lifes-Hurts>
- **Purpose: Giant Series** Men like a challenge. Yet, if the challenge is too big, fear takes over. This series explains how to identify a challenge and how to overcome it and have victory.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/Giant>
- **Purpose: Shipwrecked** Wrecks cause an interruption in schedules, inconvenience, pain, destruction, and sometimes death. This series is designed to equip men to avoid wrecks in life that are their fault and survive wrecks that are not their fault.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Purpose/Shipwrecked>
- **Identity: The Bridge to Restoration** Men like to be free, yet many have suffered horrible circumstances and conditions that leave them in bondage to bad outcomes. In this series, men will discover practical steps to assist them in moving toward the promise of freedom. (Available in Spanish)
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/Bridge-to-Restoration>



- **Identity: Unshakable** Men sometimes reminisce and relive good experiences from their past. On the other hand, most people want to forget about the difficult experiences of life. In this series, men will discover how to get through those difficult times and make memorable moments.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/Unshakeable>

- **Identity: Fruit of Failure** Failing is not palatable for most people. As a result, thoughts of failure and temptation consume the minds of some. This series will help uncover strategies to fight and win over failure and temptation.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Identity/Fruit-of-Failure>

How Can I Serve My Family?

This discipleship series assists men as they define their place within the family dynamic. It explores how to relate with their wife, children, grandchildren, as well as their church family. These are a must-study discipleship resources in relationship building.

- **Relationships: Family Power** Stress-free relationships in the home are desired. However, outside influences sometimes place serious strain on family relationships which, in turn, adds stress. In this series, men will discover four key ingredients to assist them in releasing the stress in their home and discovering the strength needed to change that home environment. (Available in Spanish)

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Family-Power>

- **Relationships: Flip This House** The TV series, *Flip This House*, spotlights the purchase and renovation of broken-down, single-unit homes. People come in and change the house to sell it for a profit. Similarly, God sees each home and likely has things He'd like to change about it. He is the architect and creator of the healthy home. In this series, discover how God can make every house into a home.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Flip-This-House>

- **Relationships: Taking Your Family to the Next Level** Family relationships need to be continually inspected and examined for optimal health. In this series, men will learn how to make sure their family's foundation is solid and how to become the kind of person who will raise a godly family.

<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Take-Your-Family-to-the-Next-Level>



- **Relationships: Family Survivor** Most men prefer to make sure they're good at something before attempting it. Though it would have been helpful to have some experience or a manual before becoming a dad, most don't have this luxury. In this series, men will discover biblical ways to survive parenting in today's world as a dad.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Family-Survivor>
- **Relationships: Courage** Men know that it takes courage to boldly love their family, to provide for all their family's needs, and consistently speak truth into each family member's life. In this series, men will discover how those family relationships can improve dramatically and some important principles that will alter the destiny of their life and home. (Available in Spanish)
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Relationships/Courage-2018-theme>

How Can I Leave a Legacy?

This series focuses on making a difference that will last a lifetime as well as making a positive, spiritual mark on the people in your life.

- **Vision: Passing the Baton** Legacy is something which occupies a man's mind more as he ages. It's especially important for dads to transfer their knowledge and wisdom to the next generation. If the transfer is not done well, the result is confusion in the race of life. This series develops a strategy to pass on what matters most—values and convictions.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Passing-the-Baton>
- **Vision: How Dreams Come True** Men learn early in life to dream. How can a man ensure his dreams live on even in the face of a dysfunctional situation? How can a man be sure he leaves a resounding legacy? In this series, men will explore the life of Joseph. Through studying how his dreams came to pass and the resounding legacy he left, the group can understand how to make their godly dreams into reality.
<https://men.ag.org/Discipleship/Vision/Dreams>

