Resources for Men’s Small Groups

Two essential components of small groups are confidentiality and prayer. In these groups men often establish plans that will enrich their lives in the following week, or establish their “next right steps”. In the next week, there should be some accountability for doing what they said they would do. Resources can have great detail or may be simple as answering Wesley’s classic question, “How is it with your soul?”

Your groups do not need to meet at the church, nor do they have to involve food. Many groups are now meeting electronically via SKYPE or Google+. This is great technology for men who travel, or for men whose best time to meet is very early in the morning or late evening. A young dad with kids might find 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday the best time for his meeting, and he can do that at home after helping get the children in bed.

Here are a few proven resources:

- Upper Room Daily Devotional
- Upper Room Disciplines
- 365 Devotions for Men by Men, S.D. Sharpe, editor
- The Bible study sent to your church in the President’s Packet
- I am Second or Live Second
- Any of the books by Adam Hamilton
- Any of the books by James W. Moore
- Stories that Feed Your Soul by Tony Campolo
- Books from Man in the Mirror; Man Alive, The Man in the Mirror, Pastoring Men
- The Measure of a Man, by Gene Getz
- Why Men Hate Going to Church, by David Murrow
- Books by Derek Maul; Get Real and The Unmasking of a Part Time Christian
- The Witness We Make by Bishop Ray Owen
- Strength for the Journey by Bishop Robert Hayes, Jr.
- Wrestling with God, A Devotional Reading for Men, Faith and Life Resources
- A Chance for their Bible Stories to be Told, GCUMM
- www.livebold.org hosted by Greg Arnold
- Bi-month e-Newsletter from GCUMM, sign up through www.gcumm.org
- Strength for Service devotional books available through GCUMM and Amazon
- Advent and Lenten Devotionals from the Society of St. Andrew

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Organizing a Small Group for Accountability

Gathering Time

Opening Prayer

Devotion

Questions to Consider (Not all questions need to be used at each session)

1. How active was your prayer life this week? What prayers were answered this week? What are some prayer concerns we should add to our closing prayer?
2. Were you present in worship this week? Did you search the scriptures this week? In what activities did you participate this week that brought you closer to Christ?
3. How did you support the Kingdom of God this week? What gifts did you share?
4. Where did you demonstrate your discipleship this week? Where did you miss an opportunity to be His disciple this week?
5. Did you share your faith with someone this week? Did you invite someone this week to any activities supported by your church? With whom are you being led to talk this week?
6. Where did you see God at work this week?
7. What was the greatest challenge you had this week?
8. What is your plan for walking closer with Christ this week?

Closing Prayer