

Grace Bible Men's Ministry 2023

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13

Our Goal:

Our goal is NOT to unreasonably remove men from their role of husband or father, but to strengthen men to be God-honoring in leading their homes, loving their wives, and shepherding their kids. The limited times we are together will be mainly to encourage and disciple men on men relationships, but we will also have specific intentional events which will incorporate father's training their boys (and girls) in important life experiences. Our hope is to direct men to what their God-given roles and responsibilities should be. We need to get back to Biblical masculinity, servant leadership, healthy marriages, faithful fatherhood, and Godly fear.

Our Purpose:

Our purpose is to bring men together on a semi-regular basis for fellowship, mutual accountability, and discipleship in God's living Word, so that we can better lead, love, and live rightly before God and our families. We will do this by...

- **Accountability Groups:**

We want to encourage life on life godly friendships where men can spur on one another on to love and good deeds, like iron sharpening iron, in weekly or biweekly regular group accountability. These will be intentional small groups looking at Biblical answers to specific life struggles or topic interests. These groups will be no larger than 4-5 guys to encourage greater conversation and openness. These may include guys who already are in the habit of meeting together, or we will be forming new groups of like-minded guys who want to start up new friendships. These groups will normally meet for breakfast or lunch during the week once or twice a month.

- **Our Weekly Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study:**

Every Thursday morning at 6am in the chapel men meet to study God's Word and read serious sound theology so as to deepen their love for God and knowledge of the Bible. A man can't fulfill his God-given calling as the spiritual leader of his home, unless he is regularly in the word individually and corporately, and growing in his understanding and application of the Bible.

- **Quarterly Men's Outreach Events:**

These events will be held quarterly with a specific purpose of outreach where the gospel will be clearly communicated and guys can feel comfortable inviting friends to enjoy fun events. These might include game nights, sports competition, men's breakfasts or BBQ's, church work days, or outdoor adventures like shooting, fishing, hunting, white water rafting, rock climbing, or backpacking trips. These might also include service and mission projects, or intentional father/son/daughter activities.

- **Our Annual Men's Retreat: (April 14-16, 2023)**

Our annual men's weekend conference is held at Hartland Christian Camp (usually in April) and is a time for men to be challenged to a deeper walk with Christ and greater love for His Church. We enjoy great teaching, great food, fellowship, a zip line, climbing wall, high ropes course, shooting range, and late-night gaming. Sign up with Dale Payne, Cody Luttman, Shane Varner, Victor Veiss, or Derek Roberts for our next Men's Retreat.

Any Questions: Men's Planning Team (Cody, Shane, Victor, Derek, Chris)

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