

# testimonies

"I signed up for Radical Mentoring because I felt God was prompting me to. We'd been going through challenging times in our family due to medical issues, but also growing closer to God and closer together. The experience of Radical Mentoring with this small group of guys has pushed me out of my comfort zone, and has been a tremendous blessing in my life and, in turn, in my family's lives. The subjects we dove into touch on a wide array of topics relevant to those looking to become better husbands, fathers, and overall Christ followers. I am thankful for these men and mentors that I have gotten to know over the past few months and I'm confident in saying that this experience will go down as a major milestone in my walk of faith."

"The friendships that developed in Radical Mentoring are unique. Instead of the initial "win them over stage" of getting to know friends, all that "junk" was bypassed and we began to develop a deeper, much more real friendship almost immediately. My understanding of where I am, and who I am in my walk with Christ has really grown. I've become much more bold in speaking about my faith in Christ. I find myself convicted of things that I wouldn't have thought about before. I am also painfully aware of my shortcomings as a follower of Christ. Radical Mentoring has offered accountability at a new level. I am so grateful for the opportunity and this group of men. My family has grown through the process as has my faith and knowledge. I would highly recommend participating in a group."

"Radical Mentoring has been a significant experience that has reshaped and redirected my thoughts from serving the things of this world to the magnificence of who God is. It moved me from passivity to living in who God called me to be as a husband, father, friend, and coworker. I've now reestablished old habits of spiritual growth that had fallen by the wayside and discovered some new ones."



The goal of Radical Mentoring is to impact the lives of young men in a way that points them toward an integrated Christian life. This past year at HHBC it was a joy for seven mentees to lift one of their fellow brothers up in Christ as he was amid a life-threatening medical challenge. His mentoring group ministered to him in a beautiful way. All men need a group of men with whom they can share the deep parts of our life in confidence.

No matter the level of Christian maturity, every man can benefit from Radical Mentoring. During the year, Radical Mentoring develops each man to become a more Christlike husband, father, church member, son, civic leader, disciple maker, friend, and leader. A mature Christian man will lead you in exploring what the Bible looks like lived out in today's world. He will show you how life can be full of peace, joy, and contentment, no matter what the world around you looks like, and teach you how you can glorify God in all parts of your life.

You will spend significant time understanding who you are in God's eyes and how you can excel in your work and in our community. But this is not the primary focus of the year. The group will spend even more time on listening skills, relating to their wives, and raising children...and even more time on getting to know what it means to have a vibrant, living relationship with Jesus.

Radical Mentoring is more than mentoring. Throughout life most men only have a few men with whom they can be totally honest. By the second meeting strong bonds begin to form. The men commit that whatever is disclosed in the meetings stays in the group. This allows an amazing degree of transparency. The year begins with a group of men varied in background and experiences who then evolve into a wonderful, loving unit. These relationships are not just for a year but may last a lifetime. Men often benefit as much from each other as they do from their mentor.

## requirements

- Married guys in their late 20's to early 40's
- Self-objective men: willing to take direct, pervasive feedback without being defensive; a willingness to look themselves in the mirror and make changes to improve
- Broken men; hungry for personal growth
- Passionate commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ
- Willingness to be a mentor for younger men at least once sometime in the future

The "program" involves a monthly meeting (7-10 pm), two weekend retreats, reading (or listening to an audio book) a month, memorizing scriptures (one or two per month), and meeting one-on-one with your mentor and with others in the group at least once during the year.

Radical Mentoring will begin September 2023. In the second month there will be an overnight outing and we will end with an overnight retreat in July or August 2024. In the summer we will also meet once with wives and children.

The meetings are not optional—the group will settle on a schedule and stick to it. At the first meeting, the group will plan out meeting nights and retreat dates so that there are no conflicts. The dates from month to month can vary depending on what best fits the men's schedules. Then participants will have to protect those scheduled meeting dates. A premium is placed on timeliness, preparation, and respect for everyone else in the group. You will most likely have to make some tough business and family decisions in order to honor your commitment to your mentor and to the group to be at each meeting...and be there on time. Although not difficult, the requirements are consistent and they will take focused time, both to attend the sessions and to do the reading and memory work.

To register, visit [hhbc.com/events](https://hhbc.com/events) by July 17. For questions, call or text Elbert Franklin at 580-618-3898 or email him at [elbertkathy@gmail.com](mailto:elbertkathy@gmail.com).



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