

testimonies

"I'm not going to lie; I was hesitant to sign up. It sounded great, but I'd heard it was a large commitment. I didn't know if I was ready, but the Lord provided the push I needed. What was I looking for? For me it was deep, manly Christian fellowship. To be honest my Community Group wasn't doing it for me. I needed a change. Intimidated to say the least, I began the journey reserved and ended with my heart on a platter. The men I came to know were ones I now call brothers. I learned what it means to love the Lord unconditionally and have become a better husband, father, and friend to those that I cherish most."

"Radical Mentoring has been a blessing to me as well as and my family. This group has helped shape and guide me to become a better follower of Christ. I am very thankful to have the opportunity to learn more of what God expects from me as both husband and father. The most important thing I have learned is that you just can't do this by yourself, you need fellowship with other Christian men, who are going through the same things you are. I feel this group has truly opened my eyes and I am grateful to have been a part of this."

"The mentoring group has been the greatest spiritual growth experience of my life. I have learned a great deal from the reading material, from my mentor, and from the other men in the group. I have formed close personal friendships that I didn't think were possible. It's comforting to know that other men struggle with the same things I do and I'm not alone. I have been truly blessed through this ministry experience and have gained lifelong friends."



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 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 2021. In the second month there will be an overnight outing and we will end with an overnight retreat in July or August 2022. 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 by July 18. For questions, call or text Elbert Franklin at 580-618-3898 or email him at elbertkathy@gmail.com.

