

JRM Men's Ministry Guide



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JRM Men's Ministry vision is help men know Christ and Make Him known.

- JRM partner with likeminded individuals and ministries as we execute Man's program.
- JRM Men's ministry is about men encountering Jesus Christ and be fully restored to God.

JRM Men's Ministry 12 Pillars

1. Prayer

- Christ-centered worship
- Well-defined base of prayer supporters
- Commitment for prayer strategy

2. Biblical

- Helps men apply Biblical truths in practical ways.
- Follows the ministry model of Jesus Christ.
- Applies lessons from Every Man A Warrior Men's Ministry material.

3. Leadership

- Develop and capacitate local based man to become champions.
- Led by a core team.
- Provide platforms for new leaders to participate and develop.
- Demonstrates a servant leader model.
- Leadership team meets regularly for prayer, planning and team building

4. Planning

- Has mission driven purpose statement.
- Is strategic in nature rather than simply following traditions.
- Purpose statement focuses on ministry.
- Considers men's busy and varying schedules in its planning.
- Sets and communicates clear goals and action plan.

5. Managing

- Avoids implementing too much too soon.
- Regular surveying of the men, church, and community
- Well run, but not micro-managed ministry.

6. Context

- Clear focus on men only.
- Creates an environment that is safe for men to have meaningful engagement.
- Offers an environment that allows men to build trusting relationships

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7. Relationships

- Focuses on relationships, not programs.
- Leads men into small groups.
- There is a balance between larger events and relationship building groups.
- Build trusting relationships leading to a willingness for accountability.

8. Discipleship

- Balanced strategies for mentoring and discipling men (process).
- Helping men transfer biblical truth into personal application.

9. Outreach

- Evangelizes men.
- Offers entry points that are non-threatening to unchurched men.
- Community and support mission activities.

10. Inclusion

- Men in the ministry are ethnically representative of the community at large.
- Provides separate opportunities for men at various stages of spiritual growth.
- Considers during planning such things as age, life-cycles, interests, and needs.

11. Variety

- Ministry with flexibility and variety
- Multiple entry points for men of differing interests, needs and availability.

12. Training

- Train men to champion and facilitate Every Man A Warrior program.
- Facilitate Training and equipping seminars in focused areas of need.
- Developing men in Christian walk, life, and ministry skills

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JRM Men's Ministry Mission

- To help local churches/congregations build life-changing ministries with men.
- To strengthen men's faith in relationships for witness and service.
- To equip followers of Jesus Christ through events, resources, and leadership development.

Steps to starting a Men's Ministry

This section is intended to assist local churches/congregations in developing an effective men's ministry.

In most cases, that will eventually mean a congregational men's ministry with small numbers of men involved in everything from building houses to softball to support groups and Bible study, and yes, the Saturday morning breakfast.

Small congregations can achieve the same results by partnering with other local congregations.

Foundation Blocks for an effective men's ministry

1. **You.** Chances are you are reading this because you are a man who is concerned not only about your own spiritual life and growth, but also because you are concerned about the men in your congregation and community.
You may not think of yourself as a leader, but if you have a desire to see God at work in men's lives, this section will assist you in creating opportunities where that can happen. A strong men's ministry will take time to grow and develop, and you will need support.

2. **Your pastor's support.** The pastor's support is critical to the development and success of your men's ministry. Talk to your pastor about two very important concerns:
Who are two to four other men who may be interested in being a part of your leadership team?
Your team might include a visionary- a leader who sees the "big picture" with imagination and creativity; a stakeholder- a man who is an established leader in the congregation; and an activator- a leader who involves others.

Agree on what kind of support you might expect from your pastor.

Will that support include the pastor's physical presence at some of your activities?

Sunday morning announcements? Announcements in the newsletter and/or bulletin? The pastor personally inviting men to participate?

Meeting with you regularly/occasionally?

Making men's ministry a part of the congregational budget?

Ask the pastor what areas of the congregation's ministry are lacking a male presence and where she/he would like to see more men involved.

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3. **Start meeting together as a leadership team.**

In most congregations, an effective men's ministry will not be limited to one group, but will be comprised of several groups under the umbrella of men's ministry.

Your leadership team will be the first small group in your men's ministry.

In the first weeks and months, take the time to become a (model) group that would be an example of what you hope will happen for other men in your congregation and community.

4. **Develop a plan/strategy.** (We will go into greater detail on this later.)

Your Leadership

Team Commitment

Each member of the team should agree to make men's ministry- and this group- a high priority. Building men's ministry is going to take time and effort and will require a high level of commitment from everyone.

Men's Events

Attending a men's event organized by well-structured man's ministry can be a great source of learning and encouragement for a men's ministry leadership team that is just getting started and for all men in established ministries.

JRM is willing and available to assist whenever there is a need.

Team Meetings

Your team should meet regularly for prayer, Bible study, support for each other and planning.

If you come together only to plan, team members will miss out on the spiritual development and relationship building you will want to experience and model for others.

You might start with one of the lessons in Every Man A Warrior Book #1. *"Walking with God"*. *That is the* great lessons to start with.

You should plan to meet for 90-120 minutes each session, leaving the last third of the meeting for planning and reporting back.

Special Events

Set a date six to 12 months into the future for a special event for men.

Many men's leaders find that fall retreats are a great starting event for men's ministry.

Set the date early to secure the site.

All your activities for the next several months should aim toward this event.

See the retreat planning checklist.

For the purposes of our example, we will plan a retreat eight months from the date of the first leadership team meeting. Along with Bible study and prayer, here's what your team needs to do in the months ahead.

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Building Relationships

A principal focus of your leadership team in the first few months will be to build relationships with the men in your congregation and community. As you do this, you will hear about the issues and concerns with which men in your congregation and community are dealing.

First, identify those areas in the congregation where men are already involved.

- Does your congregation have a men's sports team?
- Is the property committee comprised primarily (or only) of men?
- Is there a men's breakfast?
- Are there other pockets in your congregation where men are exclusively involved?

Let them know that you are grateful for their ministry. Also, let them know that without asking anymore of them at this time, you consider what they do to be a valuable part of the men's ministry of your congregation.

Ask how you might support them. If they don't do it already, encourage them to have a devotional/prayer time before they start or after they finish their activity.

Be sure to include them in anything you publish about men's ministry.

Second, ask your pastor and church staff what ministry areas in the congregation need a stronger male presence, then assist them by recruiting men for those areas of ministry.

- How many men are teaching at church or relating to the youth?
- Does the choir/worship team need male voices?
- Where are there an unequal number of men and women in leadership and service positions?

At your first or second meeting, ask yourselves the question, "When I think of the men in my life, what would they say are the two or three most critical concerns in their life today?"

After each group member has had a chance to think about their answer, generate a list of the issues you agree on.

Don't talk about what you are going to be doing about these concerns yet, that will come later.

Talk to men who on the "edges" of your congregation. Talk to the men who are not in the most active core of your congregation. Talk to the men whose wives attend church, but they don't.

Then talk to men outside of your congregation. Talk to men of all ages.

Find ways to ask them about the question in the last paragraph.

"What are the most critical concerns in your life?"

Many men will be pleased that the church is not asking them to do something, but asking about what they are experiencing, thinking, and feeling.

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Before the end of the conversation do not say, “You have mentioned these concerns/issues, how can we help you?” or “You should come to our group...” but rather “You have mentioned these concerns/issues, how could you see us (the men’s ministry) assisting you in addressing these issues?”

Take note of what he says and be ready to act on it.

Be prepared for the possibility that his response may not reflect a programmatic emphasis.

And be ready to deliver on your questions and his answer.

The responses you receive will be valuable opportunities to plan for men in the months to come.

Taking a survey

You may want to use the survey in this section, or an adaptation of it.

Do not use the survey as a stand-alone piece, expecting a written response to be sent back to you.

This is about building relationships.

The survey is meant to be a guide to one-on-one conversation.

It might also be used in a small group setting.

With the pastor’s permission, you might distribute the survey to selected men (not those most active) before or after worship. Let the men know that you are looking for their honest responses, that they are not committing to anything at this time, and that someone will be at the door to pick them up before they leave worship. When you collect them, ask if they would be willing to spend a few minutes informally over a cup of coffee to elaborate on their written comments.

You will use the responses of all your conversations and surveys in developing a theme for your first event and the rest of the men’s ministry.

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Men's Ministry Survey (SAMPLE)

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

1. Age: 18-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-64 65+

2. Single Married Divorced Number of Children _____

3. Which of these issues are most important to you? (Check the two most important)

Family relationships

Vocational Issues

Male roles and identity

Balancing family/work/other interests

Health

Retirement

Reaching other men

Spiritual Life

Other _____

4. When would be the best time to gather with one or more men to address these needs?

Early morning

Noon

Evening

Weekend

5. What length of time could, or would you be willing to commit to deal with your answer to #3?

One weekend

Four to six weeks

Six months

One afternoon or morning

Three months

Indefinite

6. In one sentence or phrase, describe your greatest concern, question, need or issue in each of these areas of your life:

Spiritual

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What is Your Purpose?

Does your congregation have a mission statement? If so, write it on your notebook.

Does your men's ministry have a mission statement?

As you consider the mission of your men's ministry, you might consider these and other Scripture passages:

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17)

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Brothers, if someone is caught up in sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:1-2)

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-14)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

What words jump out at you from these and other verses you have read?
List them on your notebook.

What are some of the recurring issues/concerns you have heard as you have communicated with men in your congregation and community?
Add them to your list.

As a leadership team use these words and phrases to talk about the mission of your men's ministry. Don't be afraid to take time to do this.

The purpose and mission are what will drive your ministry.
A ministry without purpose will easily be driven by events.
Why do you have a Saturday morning men's breakfast?
An annual retreat? A softball teams?

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We need to ask the question “Is the purpose of events to serve men, or is the purpose of men to serve our events?”

In using this section, we are attempting to build a biblical men’s ministry around the issues and concerns (and with the input) of men. The focus is not to have events with a huge attendance, but to engage as many men as possible in ministries dealing with their interests and issues.

A primary purpose for any event you plans should be to provide a safe place for men to develop relationships with other men. Jesus called people into relationship.

Sometimes that happened in his one on one and small group conversations, and sometimes the means was through events like the feeding of the 5,000.

Event Planning

When planning your men’s ministry’s first retreat (or any event), you will want to remember your mission statement and consider what you have learned about the issues men in your congregation and community are dealing with and build your retreat program around those concerns. As you do this, you will determine if you want an outside speaker/leader.

Consider using courses in *Every Man A Warrior Books*, and notice which ones match the issues you would like to deal with at the retreat. You might consider using three to six sessions (depending on the length of the retreat) from one of the courses in the Bible.

If you do this, you will want to get the men into groups of 4-6 that they would stay in for each session. You might have one man introduce and then summarize each session before and after you go into small groups.

Scheduling

Over-scheduling is often a temptation when planning men’s retreats. Be sure to build in ample time for men to have fellowship, personal quiet time, and opportunity to exercise and enjoy the retreat surroundings. A retreat is an opportunity not so much see how much information can be imparted, but to create an experience where men’s relationships to God and each other can grow.

An ideal retreat format is two days, starting with an evening and ending the afternoon of the second day (Friday evening to Saturday noon). This gives retreat participants time to relax and begin to develop a level of trust.

Often the second evening is a time of significant fellowship. However, a full two-day retreat, asking men to commit to an entire weekend is sometimes a “tough sell” the first time out. Many ministries find that a 24-hour retreat works well (Friday evening to Saturday evening).

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The retreat is not an end in itself. It is an event that is either the start of your men's ministry or one that will bring it to the next level. Your leadership team can ensure that the wonderful experience will not end when the men go home.

Leadership

You have spent weeks, if not months, gathering information about the concerns and interests of men in your congregation and community. In preparing for the retreat, make sure that you have secured leaders for a variety of small groups and other ministry experiences. A rule of thumb might be no more than one leader for every five or six retreat attendees.

Before the end of the retreat, let the men know that the experience does not have to end at the event. Introduce the new small group leaders along with the issues/activities they will be addressing and encourage the men to commit to one of the new ministries before the retreat is over.

After the event

A worthy goal would be to have as many men as possible become a part of a small group Bible study. The small groups may also entertain the possibility of participating in other activities, such as those listed below.

Service projects and social/interest activities may be an easier "door" for some men to enter your men's ministry. In all you do, keep in mind what your ultimate purpose or mission is. These suggestions may or may not fit with your men; they are only listed as suggestions.

Once you have started two or more small groups, two or three large group events a year can serve to celebrate what is happening in your men's ministry, create fellowship opportunities, and draw other men into your ministry.

Special Events

A men's retreat can become an annual event to which the men of your congregation look forward. Some other ideas for special, large events are:

- A meal with a respected Christian athlete, businessman or leader sharing why his faith is important to him.
- A seminar on "men's issues", such as money management, time management, fathering
- A barbecue
- A father-child dinner, bike trip, camp-out
- A couple's group dinner with special speaker
- A Super Bowl party.

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At these events, take the opportunity to have each of the ministries share briefly what they have been doing and invite new men to become a part of them.

Also, be ready with some new leaders to lead new groups for the new men who will be there.

Like the retreat plan described elsewhere in this section, give yourself plenty of time to plan the large group event so that you can have a quality program and ample time to promote it.

Remember, there is no promotion that works as well as the personal contact.

Event Checklist

Checklists are very helpful when planning an event and tracking costs.

Use this example to develop your own checklist for planning your event.

Name of Event _____

Purpose of the event _____

8 months before the event:

Person or group responsible _____

Estimated cost/budget _____

- Determine date and start/end times
- Select site*
- Determine program theme
- Develop budget
- Secure main speaker(s) (if desired) *
- Select musician(s)

* These may need to be done as much as 12 months in advance.

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6 Months before the event:

Person or group responsible _____

Estimated cost/budget _____

- Determine registration fees, based on costs, expected attendance and grants
- Design and print brochure/registration
- Start announcing event in church newsletter
- Ask leaders of various congregational ministries/groups to promote event

4 Months before the event:

Person or group responsible _____

Estimated cost/budget _____

- Develop agenda (be sure to build in free time)

3 Months before the event:

Person/Group Responsible _____

Estimated Cost/Budget _____

- Select Registration chair and committee
- Order name badges

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2 Months before the event:

Person/Group Responsible _____

Estimated Cost/Budget _____

- Conclude worship planning
- Confirm participation of appointed worship leaders
- Arrange for banners and/or paraments
- Secure copyright permissions
- Arrange for any necessary audio-visual equipment
- Announce event in newsletter/bulletins
- Write detailed agenda
- Develop evaluation form
- Coordinate program to call/invite every man in the congregation

1 Month before the event:

Person/Group Responsible _____

Estimated Cost/Budget _____

- Assign lodging
- Plan set-up for space, furnishings, and equipment
- Send room list to lodging site, if necessary
- Prepare name badges
- Finalize arrangements for worship space and furnishings, such as altar, pulpit, paraments, communion ware, and offering plates or baskets
- Confirm arrangements with local group or committee responsible for hospitality

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Service Projects

Church Property Ministry

Keeping the church property well-kept and in good repair

Handyman Ministry

Find people in your congregation and community in need of basic home repair.

(Check your congregation's insurance policy to make sure you are covered for this kind of activity)

Car Ministry

Receive cars that people are no longer using, restore them, and give them to people who need them (single mothers, students...) Some churches even have a special ceremony during which the keys are given to the recipient.

Set aside one Saturday a month to do oil changes, lube jobs, and car inspections for people who may not be able to afford it otherwise.

Garden Ministry

Teach people how to grow a garden on church property (or other property) and assist them in growing their own food.

Food Distribution Ministry

Start a community food bank at your church or donate to one that already exists.

Habitat for Humanity Ministry

Assist in building a Habitat for Humanity house.

Mission Builders

Assist in building church buildings

Mission Projects

International Mission Projects

Consider Adopting and Support JRM Projects

Give towards JRM projects.

Visit [JESUS RESTORATION MINISTRY \(jrmnpc.org.za\)](http://jrmnpc.org.za) for more details on projects.

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Social/Interest Groups

Sports

Form an exercise group, summer softball, bowling, or basketball team.

Play in a community league and host the opposition to an after-game bit to eat a couple of times a year.

Organize a golf tournament or run/walk event and donate the proceeds to a special ministry.

Group fishing trips, hiking or camping retreats, gourmet cooking, wood working.

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Building a Life Changing Men's Ministry

When?	Who?	What?	Resources
Day 1- 6 months	Team Leaders	Planning/Prayer	Every Man A Warrior
Months 1- 6	Team Leaders	Bible Study/Prayer	Every Man A Warrior
Months 2-4	Team Leaders	Interviewing/Surveying	Men's ministry Survey
Months 2-4	Team Leaders	1) Assessing where men are already involved. 2) Recruiting pastoral event leaders	
Months 1- 6	Retreat/Team Leaders	Retreat/Event Planning	Event Check list
Months 3- 6	Team Leaders	Invitation to events/Contact all men	Brochures, Church newsletter bulletin, Church directory
Months 3- 6	Team Leaders	Recruit Post-event small group leaders	
Months 6-8	Team Leaders	Retreat or other events	Event checklist
Post Event	Small Group Leaders	Small groups after event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible studies • Support Groups • Service Groups • Social/Interest Groups 	Every Man A Warrior

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Effective Small Group Ministry for Men

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Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. (Acts: 46-47a NRSV)

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:7 NRSV)

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

And what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. (2 Timothy 2:2)

What Makes a Great Men's Small Group? *

Small groups are a key part of how your men's ministry will help men become joyful followers of Christ. These groups are a great place to grow spiritually, develop relationships, and deepen friendships. In a culture where most men are busier than ever and often living somewhat independent lives, small groups provide the community and accountability that we all need to live life to the fullest.

What is a small group?

A small group is an intentional gathering of a small number of people who commit themselves to regular meetings for the purpose of becoming better disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why Small Groups for Men?

They:

- Are biblical.
- Help us learn and practice Christian principles.
- Help us build relationships.
- Provide support.
- Provide a forum to pray for one another.
- Provide an opportunity for accountability.
- Form discipleship
- Provide occasions for witnessing.
- Offer opportunities for service within and outside the group.

* Adopted from *Starting Small Groups and Keeping Them*

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How to Begin

- Always make the first session invitational, with everyone being free not to continue.
- Make a personal invitation to every man.
- Limit the group to six or seven or break larger groups into groups of 4 for each session.
- Meet for a specific period in a comfortable place.
- Don't assign homework.
- Allow men to discover the message of the Bible for themselves.
- Don't ask men to do something for which they are unprepared.
- As the leader, be the first to respond to a question – modelling for the other participants.

How to have a great small group gathering

- Using *EVERY MAN A WARRIOR* in a small group of four to six men is optimum.
- These groups normally meet in the evening.
- Some groups have met successfully early on Saturday mornings or during the week before work.
- A time slot of ninety minutes is needed for groups.

Three basic types of small groups (and examples of each)

- Support and Recovery (Parenting, Aging, Life Transitions, Divorce Recovery, Loss and Grief)
- Discipleship (How to Pray, How to Study the Bible, Social Justice Issues, Basic Christian Beliefs)
- Ministry (Helping the Homeless, Prison Ministry, Ministry to Widows and OVC's)

Four Elements of small groups

1. EVERY MAN A WARRIOR is a discipleship Bible Study Prayer
2. Group Ministry Task
3. Mutual Support

The amount of time given to each element will be determined by the purpose of your group.

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Ten Benefits *of Small Groups*

1. Lives are changed.
2. Application of the Bible to daily life.
3. Sharing of faith stories.
4. Effective one-to-one Christian care
5. Encouragement and learning
6. Opportunity for service
7. Friendship evangelism
8. Nurturing of new members
9. Spiritual growth with accountability
10. Development of strong leadership

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Possible Schedule for Men's Small Group Gatherings (60 to 90 minute meeting):

When using EVERY MAN A WARRIOR is a discipleship Bible Study

Important Quiet Time Guidelines

Having a daily Quiet Time is a skill. This skill will take time and effort, but it will determine your success or failure. Give it your best! Your Quiet Time will grow over time.

Most men shoot for thirty minutes, but you can start with fifteen minutes:

- 5 minutes to read and underline.
- 7 minutes to meditate and write in your Quiet Time Journal
- 3 minutes to pray.

The Bible is a library of sixty-six books. If you are new to Bible reading, start in the New Testament with one of the Gospels. Then read the book of Acts. After you have read four or five books in the New Testament, try the Old Testament books of Genesis, Proverbs, or the Psalms.

Other small groups:

1. Opening: 5-10 minutes Icebreaker Activity
2. Prayer: 2-5 minutes
3. Biblical Reflections: 10-15 minutes
4. Group focus: 30-35 minutes
 - Lesson
5. Conversational prayer: 5-10 minutes
6. Closing: 3-5 minutes

Tips for Leading Small Groups

- Begin with icebreaker.
- Encourage large groups to break into groups of 3 or 4.
- Help participants focus on the lesson of the day.
- Be a role model in terms of honesty and commitment.
- Take the lead in responding to questions.
- Make certain everyone who wants to, can participate.
- Don't be an expert; good leaders are good learners.

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Group Covenant

The steps this group is willing to take for the growth of its members.

Sample Covenant (complete the statements)

1. The purpose of our group is

2. We will be studying.

3. The materials we will use are

4. Our leader will be

Or our leadership will be shared by _____

5. We will meet every _____ week for a period of _____ weeks

6. We will meet on _____ (day of the week), beginning at _____ and ending by _____

7. Our meeting will take place at _____

8. Our agreed order of the meeting will be

9. At the end of our time together, we will decide as a group whether to continue.
At that time, any individual will be free to leave the group for any reason.

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Group Ground Rules

- Everything discussed is confidential.
- We will focus on the lesson of the day.
- Each person's opinion will be respected.
- We will pray for each other.
- We will attend each meeting.
- We will pray for one another.

Prayer in Small Groups

Some methods to use:

- Prayers that are read
- The facilitator's prayers
- Silent prayer
- Written prayers
- Circle prayers
- Prayer requests
- Popcorn prayer
- Sentence prayer
- Spontaneous prayer
- Prayer journal
- Conversation prayer
- Intercessory prayer

Practical tips for Small Groups

- create a comfortable relaxed atmosphere
- start and end on time
- focus on relationships
- don't get into too much routine, yet be consistent
- if possible, sing together
- incorporate an attitude of outreach and ministry
- don't lecture or give long readings
- major in life stories and faith stories
- learn to be comfortable with silence

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Small Group Roles

Members - those who agree upon purpose for gathering and commit themselves to accomplish that purpose.

Facilitator - an individual responsible for helping members identify their purpose for meeting and to guide members toward accomplishing the agreed upon goals. The facilitator ensures that everyone who wants to have a chance to participate while keeping the group on track to reach its goal and on time. The facilitator reviews, set goals, plans, prays, guides, debriefs, and follows up. When using Every Man A Warrior Books and some other resources, a different person may assume this role in each session.

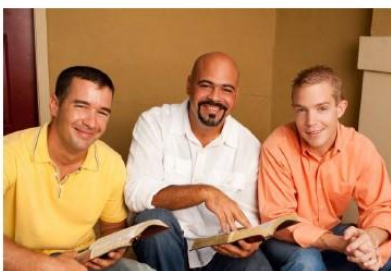
Host - an individual who shares the gift of hospitality. The host may offer his home as a meeting location or provide for the comfort of group members at another location.

Empty chair - a reminder that Christ is with us and as a reminder of our purpose to reach out. When the time comes for this group to end, we may start new groups for new men.

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EVERY MAN A WARRIOR builds men! It equips them to succeed in the most significant issues of their lives.

These include:

- Walking With God
- Marriage
- Raising Children and Teenagers
- Money
- Sex and Moral Purity
- Work
- Going Through Hard Times
- Making Your Life Count

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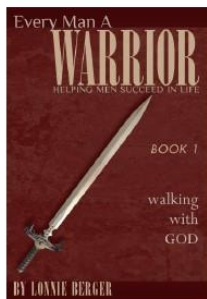
- one on one
- in a small group
- in a men's Sunday school class

The course has a total of 27 lessons and can be done during the September to May church schedule.

"Men deal with issues every day that test their core values, integrity and spiritual manhood. Issues like financial management, suffering, sex, moral purity, work and making one's life count is the stuff that shapes a man's character. EVERY MAN A WARRIOR hits these gut issues head on with no sugar coating."

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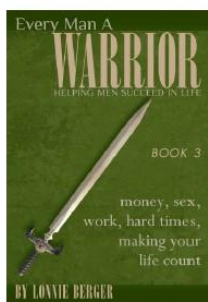
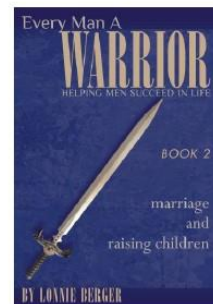
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The first nine lessons of **EVERY MAN A WARRIOR** develop the essential skills of discipleship. These skills include: *Having a Quiet Time, Meditating on Scripture, Prayer, and Application of the Word.* Book 1 includes the **EVERY MAN A WARRIOR** verse pack and all course verses.

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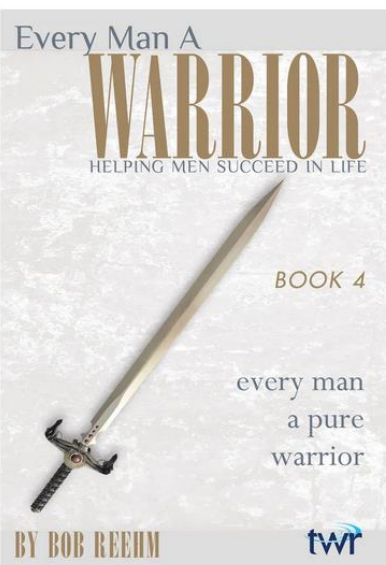


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