

Men's NetWork ~ How to Use the Men's NetWork Resources to Enrich Your Current Men's Ministry

Purpose: (To help congregations revitalize their existing men's ministry)

Is your men's ministry group getting a little stale? Though pleased with the consistent attendance of the faithful in your ranks, are you finding it tough bringing in new individuals to your group? Don't feel bad; it's difficult for many men's ministry groups to get new guys on board—especially younger men who are saddled with work, family, and other pressing responsibilities.

That being said, the reality is those guys are some of the very people that *most* need your support, word of wisdom, and Christian direction. This resource guide will help you integrate these guys into your men's ministry, while energizing your group in the process, making it something you can all be proud of.

Now let's take a look at some of the things the **Men's NetWork** has to offer you.

Men's NetWork resources:

Bible Studies:

These Bible studies cover a variety of topics in fresh and innovative ways. Some treatments are light and a bit funny; others run pretty deep. All of them are put together with guys in mind. We think you'll find them interesting, stimulating and, certainly, different than most video Bible studies you've seen before. Another advantage of **MNW** Bible studies is their intentional appeal to the interests and concerns of younger men. These are the guys near the fringe when it comes to church involvement. They want to get involved, but frequently feel the church lacks relevance. The last thing they want to do is step into something they'll have to withdraw from later. Our video-based Bible studies are produced to engage and inform. Our discussion guides will get your group thinking, talking, and growing together in Jesus Christ.

How-To Instruction Guides:

These helpful guides provide important info to help leaders and their groups do any number of things from organizing a golf or fishing tournament to leading a Bible study. With step-by-step instructions, you'll get details on how to pre-plan an activity and how to evaluate what you've done when it's finished. And since we don't have a "corner on the market," we welcome all topic suggestions or stabs at writing one for us.

Impact Events:

Few things energize guys like stepping up and putting some muscle into doing something positive in the lives of others. A quick look outside our comfort zone quickly tells us there's more than enough need to go around. Your group can help a youth group, folks in a retirement community or nursing home, struggling families just getting by, or single mothers grappling with the urge to throw in the towel. If it's work in another community, another state, or another country you want, we have opportunities there, too. Our Impact Events section provides a wide variety of life-changing activities your men can sink their teeth into!

Local/Regional Calendar:

Here's a cyber-bulletin board where you can post the location, dates, times, topics, activities, contact info, and any other relevant news about that new men's ministry group you and your church buddies have just formed. To get your data delivered to users nationwide, just send us your scoop and we'll post it for all to see. It's also the place to see what's going on with other groups nearby in your state or region. It's also a great place to mine ideas if your group is looking for something new.

Braggin' Rights:

Here's where your names and mugs go up in lights! Send us a summary of your event and the pictures to prove it and we'll post them prominently for the world to see. You can brag about the great things your men have done, and encourage other groups to do better—if they can, that is. Chances are you just might find some fresh faces—either from inside or outside your church—who are interested in getting involved and joining the fun.

The Baloney Shop:

This little out-of-the-way nook is where Rev. Ken Klaus applies his theological training and deft sense of humor to discuss some of the more oddball and out-there items that put the burr under his saddle when it comes to Christianity and the world at large. Show this short clip to your men, and see if they've seen the same baloney—or worse. We also encourage you to submit your own questions or the boloney you see and hear.

Man Stuff:

This is the **MNW** blog. Here, you can tell us what you think. We regularly post our own comments; we look forward to reading yours. (As mentioned above, you can write us with any questions, comments, or concerns you might have about your men's ministry group start-up. We might even have a suggestion or two that could make your effort easier.)

Resources:

Here's a listing of Web links to help you understand the interests of men in your community.

Find a Men's NetWork group near you:

This page is for men to find local men's groups they can join and for you to publicize your group! Men interested in participating in a men's ministry won't find you if you're not there to be found. Drawing men into your group means new energy, excitement, and ideas! Get on board and promote your group!

Thought of the Day Archives:

These little gems give you something to think about when you're staring out the window at work or surfing our Web site at your local coffee shop. When you want to dazzle somebody with your astute command of pithy witticisms, look no farther. These morsels can be surprisingly filling. Check out a few, when you get a chance.

Overview/Summary: *(Be sure to send word to the **Men's NetWork** sharing any successes or commentary using these tools and resources in your men's ministry. Please include suggestions for improving this "How To" and return them to us www.lhmmen.com.)*