



MEN'S MINISTRIES

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Seventh-day Adventist Church  
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# Engaging Men in Our Churches

How to Have a Thriving Men's Ministries in the Local Church

## The Vision

*"The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." Education, 57.*

## The Challenge

How do we get Men involved in the local church?

## The Strategy

We need a strategy that is both "Wide" & "Deep"

### "Wide"

**Definition-** Reach as many men as possible in the local church and community.

- We engage men by offering a variety of opportunities or events.
- Any opportunity or event must fulfill 2 or 3 of these attributes:
  - ❖ Fellowship
  - ❖ Growth
  - ❖ Outreach

## **Examples of “Wide” Events**

- Small Groups
  - ❖ Men’s Issues/Bible Studies
  - ❖ Activity Groups
- Group Projects
- Men’s Breakfasts
- Athletic Opportunities
- Church-wide Men’s Weekend/Retreat

## **“Deep”**

**Definition-** Help men grow deeper in their relationship with God, their families, and their communities. We develop men as spiritual leaders.

- Assumptions which underlay the implementation of developing men as spiritual leaders.
  - ❖ Every man is called to be a leader in their homes, in their workplaces, in their communities & their churches.
  - ❖ The best leadership training happens over time as part of a community. We do not develop leaders in a day or a weekend.

## **Joshua’s Men**

- Uses mentoring as it’s foundation.
- It is a yearlong mentoring curriculum for men.

- Based upon the way Jesus developed spiritual leaders.
- Parts of Joshua's Men:
  - ❖ Monthly meeting
  - ❖ Reading
  - ❖ Prayer Partners
  - ❖ Project
  - ❖ Application
  - ❖ Retreat
- Topics include:
  - ❖ Identity
  - ❖ Connecting with God
  - ❖ Godly Character
  - ❖ Connecting with People
  - ❖ Leading in Your Family
  - ❖ Leading in Your Finances

## **How do you Implement the Strategy?**

- If your church doesn't have a Men's Ministries Leader, ask your pastor to begin that process.
- Once that person is elected, have them communicate with the Men's Ministries Department so they can receive resources & communication.
- Create/distribute a survey to the men of the church asking for input as to the activities they would like to see & help with. We can find examples at [www.texasadventistmen.org/resources](http://www.texasadventistmen.org/resources).
- Assemble a team. One person doing it all will lead to burnout.

- Acquire a budget from the church to help fund the Men's Ministries activities.
- Start small. Don't try to do everything at one time. It's better to do a few things well than several things with mediocrity.
- Have activities/groups which fulfill "wide" or "deep" strategy. It might be helpful to have one of each to begin.
- At the end of the year, evaluate & plan for the coming year. Make a practice to grow the ministry every year.

## **For more information**

[www.texasadventistmen.org](http://www.texasadventistmen.org)

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