

MEN'S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION COURSE

Module Four – Knowing Our Men

DIRECTIONS:

Answer the following questions as they relate to the Module 4 presentation about Knowing Our Men. Use scripture references where appropriate. Spend time. Pray. Think. Write.

1. Foundations

Men's Ministry is essentially discipleship specifically designed for men. Describe and illustrate this pathway as it relates to knowing your men, knowing yourself, and knowing God.

Explain the following text as it relates to men's ministry. *"As iron sharpens iron, so does one man sharpen another." Proverbs 27:17*

Explain the following text as it relates to men's ministry. *"The mind of a man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." Proverbs 16:9*

2. Blueprint for Men

1. What is the Blueprint for Men? Who is the Blueprint for Men?

2. How were we created in the image of God?

3. Did the original blueprint promote freedom or restrictions?

4. The original blueprint for man was perfect. What was not good and what was not permitted?

3. Primitive vs. Sophisticated

Compare and contrast a primitive man with a sophisticated man. What kind of man are you? How is this message and men's ministry connected to the times we are living in and the Three Angels Messages of Revelation?

4. Knowing Our Men

A man doesn't care how much you _____, until he knows how much you _____.

What role does sharing your testimony have in learning about your men and their story?

1. A Man's Needs and Desires: Personal Reflection

How are a man's needs and desires connected to how man was created in the image of God? What happens when a man can't fulfill his needs and desires? Contrast the reactions of an authentic/primitive man with that of a sophisticated man.

2. A Man's Pains and Disappointments: Personal Reflection

- What major pains and disappointments have you experienced?
- Why is knowing the pain and disappointment of a man essential for moving him forward? Refer to the survival metaphor.

3. A Man's History: Personal Reflection

- In what 3 categories did you receive the least direction and guidance while growing up?
- In what 3 categories did you receive the most direction and guidance while growing up?

4. A Man's Daily Life: Personal Reflection

- What 3 categories are the weakest areas of your day-to-day life?
- What 3 categories are the strongest areas of your day-to-day life?
- How did these categories of strength and weakness match to those from your life history? Are they the same?

5. A Man's Worldview

- Why is a correct worldview essential to living a life of meaning and purpose?
- Rank the 6 factors that have affected your worldview the most during your lifetime?

- What factors have the greatest influence on your children/grandchildren's worldview?
- What are the three goals of rational humanity that came out of the Age of Enlightenment? How have these goals influenced the world we live in today?
- FREEDOM. How is the quest for freedom both good and evil? Why does freedom eventually lead to bondage?
- KNOWLEDGE. How is the quest for knowledge both good and evil? Why does risk increase as you progress from data, to information, to knowledge, to wisdom? (diagram)
- HAPPINESS. How is the quest for happiness both good and evil? Why is happiness so difficult to attain and impossible to maintain?
- Africa has some of the lowest happiness ratings in the world. Is this what you observe with your men? How can men's ministry help build strong men of God that are filled with the Spirit and demonstrate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control? Is it a realistic goal to measure the success of men's ministry in the ECD by the "happiness" of your men? Something to think about!
- There are six major emotions on the emotional wheel shown in the presentation. How does being filled by God and his Spirit affect a man's emotions? What emotions dominate? How does being empty of the Spirit affect a man's emotions?
- The pursuit of _____, _____, and _____ without God never fills the soul.
- What are life's central questions? How does Biblical Christianity (Theism) answer these questions better than any other world view?

PRACTICE

Take the time to talk with at least one man that you don't know. Use the F.O.R.M. method. Make sure that you end with a "message" of encouragement, affirmation, next steps, etc. What was your message? How was it received? Write down as much as you can from your conversation.

TAKE ACTION

Start tracking your men. Create a database that includes full name, marital status, birthdate, children, employment, and church engagement. Start this now!