**MEN’S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION COURSE**

**Module 9 – Building Fathers**

**DIRECTIONS:**

*Answer the following questions as they relate to the Module 9 presentation about Building Fathers. Use scripture references where appropriate. Spend time. Pray. Think. Write.*

1. Strong men of God are rare, and strong men of God that are also strong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, are even rarer. The world needs more of these rare men!
2. What are the 7 characteristics of strong godly father?
3. There are at least 9 roles that godly fathers must play to succeed. Can you think of a 10th one to round it out? Give your reasoning.
4. Summarize the Fatherhood Survival metaphor? Is this a helpful way to remember your roles and responsibilities as a father? Is there anything you would like to add to make it more complete? Feel free to give suggestions.
5. The fatherhood crisis can be summarized as an increasing disconnect of men from God, their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, their environment, and their physical strength.
6. Fathers and mothers pass on their genes to their children. Using the new science of epigenetics, explain how a man’s habits and behaviors affect the genetics of his children?
7. How important is a father’s involvement in a child’s life as it relates to success in school, future employment, teen pregnancy, and arrest and incarceration?
8. On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate yourself in the following areas?

Statement Weak Strong

* My walk with God and daily quiet time is 1 2 3 4 5
* My knowledge and preparation for fatherhood was 1 2 3 4 5
* My daily disciplines (exercise, orderliness, finances) are 1 2 3 4 5
* My network of mentors and wise counselors is 1 2 3 4 5
* My family’s written plans and SMART goals are 1 2 3 4 5
* My support and accountability from close friends are 1 2 3 4 5

1. After completing this short assessment what are your deficits? How do they connect to your success as a man, a husband, and as a father?
2. Do you have a father wound? Describe. How has this affected you?
3. How has this affected your fatherhood?
4. Have you taken steps to heal your father wound? Explain.
5. Have you taken steps to heal the father wounds you may have inflicted on your children? Explain.
6. What are the three things that you need to make sure your children receive from you?
7. Have you done these things for your children? If not, are you ready to take some steps regardless of the age of your children? What is your plan?
8. What is the main key to healing from a father wound?
9. How was your picture of God influenced by your experience with your dad?
10. What is patriarchy? Why is this God’s design for the family?
11. What does the parable of the Prodigal Son teach us about our loving heavenly Father?
12. Our heavenly Father can have the greatest impact on who we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as authentic men today. Our earthly fathers are one of the greatest influences on who we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as men today.
13. What is the most important thing that every godly father must do to be successful in his parenting?
14. What is the most important thing that you need to have your children see you do?
15. What are the three biblical principles for fathers in raising their children?
    1. Ephesians 6:4
    2. Proverbs 17:6
    3. Proverbs 18:21
16. God has an ideal for fatherhood. What are your top 5 bible texts and principles that they teach about fatherhood?

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1. 1 Timothy 3:2-5 provides the standard for men in church leadership. How can this be used to qualify men’s ministry leaders? What role does forgiveness, repentance, and restoration play in men regaining their standing as leaders?

26. Describe how you can connect with your children, regardless of age, that will provide them with the “essentials” that they need from you… affection, affirmation, and admiration. When will you take action and make these things happen?

27. Referring to the book, *The Intentional Father*, by Jon Tyson, what are the five kinds of fathers? Which one are you?

28. If you could create a *Rite of Passage* for your son or other young men, what would that look like?