

Men's Ministries through North Carolina Baptist Men

Igniting the Hearts of Men for Christ!

A Men's Ministry "Champion" in the Local Church:

To "champion" something means to support and/or defend a cause. Therefore a men's ministry champion is one who supports the cause of discipling men. For years we have said that men represent a great, untapped resource in the church. We need "champions" who are willing to take up the cause of helping men realize the great calling God has put upon their lives. Following are some thoughts on the role of a Men's Ministry Champion in the local church.

A Men's Ministry Champion in the local church:

1. Has Christ's Spirit in his heart, and has passion for discipling men that is obvious to all members of the church. Is himself daily seeking to grow in his walk with Christ.
2. Has earned the trust and kindred spirit of the pastor and other church leaders, such that they support, affirm and encourage him.
3. Believes strongly in the balanced ministry concept - fellowship, discipleship, service, and missions - and encourages all men in the church to embrace it.
4. Has the desire and the ability to communicate one-on-one, as well as corporately, with the men of the church. Communicates with men, in some fashion, at least monthly. Utilizes a variety of communication tools – phone, email, flyers, church bulletin, Facebook, to insure important information is relayed to men.
5. Is alert during all church services to greet new men and engage them in conversation, getting their phone number and email address for follow-up later in the week. Seeks to discover at least one area of interest (hobby, sports, hunting, etc.) to use as an "entry point".
6. Is attuned to men on the perimeter, men who are being ignored, men who are shy and slow to participate, men who have been hurt, men who feel they don't fit in. Finds ways to get these men plugged in. Assists them in finding something they can uniquely contribute to the ministry.
7. Plans gatherings and events that support the **Four Cornerstones*** of men's ministry. Recognizes and emphasizes the importance of heart before hands, prayer before planning, and the building of genuine relationships while exhorting men to action.
8. Is familiar with and promotes opportunities outside the church for men to be discipled and to serve (e.g. NC Baptist Men training, men's conferences, mission opportunities).
9. Encourages involvement by all men in at least one ministry area inside and outside the church. Each man should be encouraged and plugged into some form of leadership or participation in a part of men's ministry in accordance to their giftedness.
10. Has a humble heart and spirit, while standing firm and fighting aggressively to counter Satan's desire to silence men in the church, and to keep them from building a genuine brotherhood and family spiritual heads in the battle for Christ and His kingdom. Bold in battle, humble in spirit!

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