

Meaningful Men's Ministry Meetings:

From Business Meeting to Worship Rally



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- ♦ The day of coming to a meeting just because it's been called are over.
- ◆ A man's time is precious to him don't waste it.
- ♦ Men want to be challenged.
- ◆ Think outside the box of traditional Brotherhood.



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- ◆ The key word is "RELEVANT"
- ◆ Is the content of our Baptist Men's Meeting relevant to the men of my church? Is it meeting their needs for:
 - fellowship?
 - spiritual growth?
 - involvement?



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- ♦ 1. Consider when the best time is for your men to meet.
 - Saturday morning may work, especially if you have a mission project planned for afterward.
 - Many enjoy a weeknight supper followed by men's worship rally.
 - Sunday morning may be hard. Time is limited.
 Some will have to go back home and pick up family.



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- ◆ 2. Find ways to add a spiritual emphasis to your meetings regardless of when you meet. Consider these elements:
 - Singing
 - Teaching or Challenge
 - Small group discussion
 - Prayer



Singing:

- Discover the type of music your men respond most favorably to. (But be willing to try new things.)
- Praise songs and choruses are very effective.
- Make use of those men who play guitar, piano,
 or other instrument or who sing.
- Consider new Christian song DVDs.



- ◆ Teaching/Challenge:
 - Live speaker may allow for interaction.
 - Video ensures a good speaker and lets you control time.
 - Either should be focused on specific issues men face today (how to be a better father; marital relationships, Christian money management, sexual purity, spiritual growth, etc.)
 - (Examples of videos)



◆ Teaching/Challenge Resources:

- Men's Fraternity (Lewis)
- Courageous Bible Study (Lifeway)
- Men of Purpose Bible Study (Getz)
- A Man's Guide to the Spiritual Disciplines (Morley)
- 33: The Series Authenic Manhood (Lifeway)
- Man Alive! (Man in the Mirror)



- Small group discussion:
 - To follow spiritual teaching/challenge.
 - If speaker, ask him to prepare 2-3 good discussion questions on what he presents.
 - If video, use accompanying guide or make up your own discussion questions.
 - Groups of no more than four.



Prayer:

- Ask for specific prayer requests in the large group setting.
- Ask men to pray in their same small groups for these requests, as well as others they may share among themselves.
- Encourage targeted prayer for spiritual growth, not just physical healing.



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- ♦ 3. Effective Use of Audio-Visual Equipment.
 - Data projector and sound system.
 - Laptop computer
 - Large TV/VCR
 - Try everything out beforehand to make sure it is all working properly.



A Sample Meeting:

- Welcome
- Prayer
- > Meal
- > Introductions
- Promotion of upcoming events and opportunities
- Reports from Small Groups and/or Ministry Groups
- ➤ Mandate Video

- ➤ Worship/Singing
- **≻**Testimony
- Spiritual Challenge to Men (live speaker or video resource)
- Small group (3) discussion
- >(3-4 questions from Spiritual Challenge to Men)
- ➤ Worship/ Singing
- Sharing of prayer requests
- Small group prayer time
- **Dismiss**