**MEN’S MINISTRY 101**

Psalm 104:4 (NLV)

He makes the winds carry His news. He makes His helpers a burning fire.

**Striking the Match**

Two important keys to remember in striking the match

1. PRAY and keep PRAYING
2. Your Pastor’s APPROVAL and BLESSING

**Why strike the match**

Whether we like to admit it or not, men like to BE TOGETHER

God has called His MEN to be LEADERS

Leaders in our OUR lives, in our HOMES, in our CHURCHES and in our COMMUNITY

**How to strike the match** –*the nuts and bolts of MM*

How to strike the match is as simple as getting a FEW men together who feel LED by the Lord and/or have been ASKED by their pastor to start men’s ministry.

MEN- TOURING – MENTORING is the best tool to strike the match. PERSONAL invitation to your events, meetings, and gatherings is the best way to grow your men’s group. One on one but don’t forget GROUP mentoring.

Some questions you need to ask:

1.What is the MISSION of YOUR church and how will your men’s ministry continue that VISION.

2.Are we TRYING TO REACH single men, married, single fathers, workingmen, retired men etc.? ALL OF THESE TYPES OF MEN ARE PART OF YOUR MEN’S GROUP!

There are many different APPROACHES to men’s ministry. The Internet has many different tools for starting your men’s group.

Programs, books, online material will help your men’s group in getting started.

There are apps for your smart phones to engage your men. Conferences like this one, weekend gatherings where you will learn and gain info concerning ministering to your men.

There is a host of books available as well as ministries for men. (Five Star Man, Promise Keepers, Man in the Mirror, Tony Dungy Books, Every Man Series, 33 Series, etc.)

Some things that it depends on: how many men, what age, and background of community.

Name your group; come up with a slogan, logo, t-shirts, cups, jackets etc.

**Care in striking the match**

Ministering to men is a TEAM sport! It must be a team effort. Make sure your leadership team is more than one man.

It will take TIME, EFFORT and DETERMINATION! Jesus spent three years getting His men’s group going!

ONE SIZE does not fit all men’s groups. It needs to be specific to your men, your church and your community.

Have different ENTRY POINTS for the men to engage. That’s the importance of having a STRONG leadership team.

**Once the match is struck, we need to keep the flame burning**

PERSONAL invitation to all events is a must, almost to the point of being a pest. Events, gatherings, and meetings need to be ADVERTIZED and SHARED from the pulpit by your pastor.

COMMUNICATION is the key to keeping the flame burning. Texts, emails, Facebook, Twitter, other social media and even phone calls once a week are important

Use the URINAL! 30 seconds of men’s attention

Different type of EVENTS will engage the men of your church and community. (That’s why you need a leadership team!!)

**Things to avoid that will put the match out**

Having ONE MAN leading your men’s group

Make sure you are putting on a CLASS ACT event – stats say that if a man attends a men’s event that is a bust, you will lose that man for five years!

Men’s ministry should be FUN! If your events are boring, the flame will go out.

Be sure to announce what type of MAN the meeting it is for – New comers, beginners, and/or mature believers.

Use your HEAD in announcing meetings – a full page add in the bulletin announcing a “meeting for those struggling with Porn” will surely put the flame out!

**Follow up with kindling so the match turns into a flame and a flame into an explosion**

Get FEEDBACK -Ask the men what they liked and didn’t like

SET the time for events and KEEP it – if it’s three hours, end in three hours – if it’s a six-week study, run six weeks

Not all men like all men or what they do – trying to mold men to be like every other man is NOT going to work and is not the fuel to put on your fire.

Create EXCITEMENT by talking about your events! Make it viral!

**The importance of keeping fuel on the fire**

There will be men WATCHING so if your not putting fuel on the fire, it will go out

**What type of fuel**

Remember different TYPES men will be in your men’s group so DIFFERENT types events for the men – sporting events to participate as well as watch, woodworking, cars, tools, deep bible study etc.

**When it’s time to call the fire department and why**

When your leaders are BURNING OUT

When your men’s group breaks CONFINDENCE

When your group becomes more about one man than CHRIST

When you’re ALONE at men’s event – it’s time to call for help

**Remember the most important thing to remember is that men’s groups are for two important reasons**

1. **To engage men in their walk with Christ**
2. **To build disciples to engage other men in their walk with Christ**

TAKE THE MATCH BOOK – OPEN IT – A GROUP OF MATCHES

ALL IT TAKES IS ONE MATCH TO START A FIRE BUT HAVING OTHERS THERE WILL HELP

LOOK ON THE BACK – IT’S A STRIKER, JESUS CHRIST IS OUR IGNITION POINT!