

Some suggested activities for Men's Ministry!

Unfortunately in the church, women traditionally have filled more pews, volunteer positions and participated in more activities than the men. If your church wants to strengthen its presence in the lives of men, you must be strategic and intentional in your planning to both make men feel welcome, and ensure they have something to do. Many men prefer activity rather than just sitting and studying the bible. An effective ministry tells men that your church cares about their interests and their needs. It also encourages, promotes and sponsors activities that will attract the men in your community.

Food, Food, and More Food - Men love and of course need to eat. Men's Saturday morning prayer breakfasts are very popular but consider some creative alternatives also. Try an early breakfast before church on Sunday or before work during the week. Maybe a weekly gathering at lunch time one day a week. You can also do a local coffee shop for a regular weekly gathering.

Sports - This is another common but effective activity for men. Men love to come together and most will gravitate to sports related gatherings (of course there should be food there also...). These could be either on a big screen or you could plan to attend live. Some opportunities include but aren't limited to Football fellowships (doesn't have to be NFL, college, local, etc.) Basketball Fellowships (NBA, March Madness, local high school, etc.) Soccer matches, Rugby, etc.

Physical Activities - In addition to watching sports, you can also participate in them. Not only will this encourage fellowship, it can also promote healthy living. Some activities could include golf, bowling, softball, basketball, working out, hiking, walking, cycling, etc.

A Men's Study Group - Gather a group of men together to go through a course of study of the group's choosing. This could be weekly, bi-weekly, or even monthly.

Automobile or Motorcycle Groups - Many men love cars and motorcycles. Start a classic car group or even a motorcycle group. It would draw many from the community.

Start a Scout Group - Scouting brings fathers and children together. Scouting enables dads to interact with their children, while giving back to the community. It's multitasking at its best. Not only will this bless the men but it will also help to train up the young males.

Start a "HELPS" ministry - Ask men to volunteer their talents. Gather men to work on the home of an elderly or disabled congregation member or that of someone else in the community. An accountant might assist with taxes, while a graphic designer may be willing to create a brochure for the church or one of its ministries. Create a list of duties that the group may be able to address.

Create an Online Group - Set up a Facebook or other group online for a men's Bible study and fellowship. The younger gentlemen could assist in doing this probably with very little effort.

Host a Gadget Show - Collaborate with a local electronics dealer or electronics enthusiast at your church and invite the community to learn about the latest and greatest in technology—from smartphones to iPad2 to notebooks. An electronics enthusiast in the congregation might organize, host and lead this event.

Have a Daddy-Daughter Dance and Fellowship - Give an opportunity for fathers to spend quality time teaching their daughters how to properly interact with men. This will help them as they grow to be young ladies. It will also encourage the fathers to "be fathers".

Men's Campout - Camping is always a great experience. You can camp in tents, trailers, or cabins, and you can do at a camp site or in the back yard of the church, it is up to you. It's really about men bonding.

Have a Dads Sunday School - Invite dads to get involved in Sunday school with a specific time frame (four to six consecutive weeks or every other month, etc.). Have children bring their dads to Sunday school or have the dads lead the Sunday school classes those weeks.

There are many other possibilities. If one doesn't work, don't be afraid of trying something else. The purpose is to find a common ground that will cause men to come together. Once we get them together, we formulate relationships that will allow ministry to take place.