



# *Lifebuilders Leader Training*

January 27, 2018



# Agenda

- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 Welcome David Owens
  - Vision for the men in Indiana
  - Challenges for men today
  - Building blocks for success
- 11:30 Pair up and build your plan
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Men of Action - Terry Cano
- 1:30 Panel Discussion and Closing Remarks - David Gosnell



## Why Men's Ministry?

- The signs are all around us
  - Every third child is born out of wedlock
  - 24M kids live without their biological father
  - Children who come from fatherless homes are 5 times more likely to
    - live in poverty
    - have emotional problems
    - and repeat a grade in school
  - 85% of men in prison report having no father figure in their lives
  - 17/34/98% Factor



## Are Men in the Church Impacted?

- For every 10 men in the church:
  - Nine will have children who leave the church
  - Eight will not find their jobs satisfying
  - Six will pay the monthly minimum on their credit card bills
  - Five will have major problems with pornography
  - Four will get divorced - affecting 1 million children each year
  - Only one will have a biblical world view
  - All ten will struggle to balance work and family



## Solution: We Need Jesus!!!

- Vision for the men in Indiana
  - Every man a disciple and endued with power
    - Followers of Jesus
    - Filled with the Holy Spirit
  - Successful men's leaders will have a *passion for Christ!*
  - The next greatest thing a man can do for his children is love their mother. But they cannot do that without a love for Jesus first.



## What challenges do we face?

- Commitment
- Getting men involved
- Too many things in the world holding men back
- Do not know how to get started
- Burnout
- Mountaintop to valley syndrome
- No glue to hold them together
- Men feeling pressured
- Feeling left out



## *Are You Ready?*

- Is your Church ready for Men's Ministry?
- Are you ready to rescue families ***one man at a time?***



## Keys to Success

- It must be personal. Not every man is the same.
- The “Man Code” – Does your Church welcome men?
- We must be willing to take the time and effort
- Low pressure – It takes time
- Leadership
- Build relationships
- Establish a level of accountability
- We have to fall in love with Jesus – Make Disciples





## Breaking It Down

- There are 5 groups of men in your church
  - Unsaved men
  - Cultural Christians
  - Men who are or want to be disciples
  - Men who are or want to be leaders
  - Men who are hurting

***We are going to discuss how to engage all 5 groups***



## Getting started...

- Endorsement of the pastor
- Identify a group of men to be leaders
- Ensure men have an accountability partner
- Put the “Man Code” to work
- Build relationships
- Begin to disciple men
- Don't try to do everything
  - *You will never do anything good if you are doing everything*



## Having the Pastor on board

- This could be the #1 ingredient to your men's ministry developing
- The Pastor brings:
  - The Word
  - Support
  - Leadership
- This does not mean the Pastor carries the load or does all the work.



## Pastor's Prayer Partners

- A Godly Layman willing to commit valuable time and energy to an organized sustained prayer program for the pastor
- Armor Bearers for the pastor
- Prays for every aspect of the pastor's life
  - Personal
  - Private
  - Professional
  - Preaching
  - Prayer
- Prays for the Church and Worship Services



## Identify Your Leaders

- Everything boils down to leadership
- Every great cause has a leader
- Identify your group of men
- Meet on a regular basis
- Build a comradery with your leadership team
- Spend time together in bible study and prayer



## Have an Accountability Partner

- Identify a man to hold you accountable
- The 5 responsibilities of every man
  - His walk with God
  - His relationship with his wife
  - His relationship with his children
  - His personal finances
  - His health



## Put the “Man Code” to Work!

- Identify with men
- Make your home Church inviting to men and make them feel welcome
- Make personal contacts (call, text, email, etc...)
- Activities (Common interests among men)
  - Sporting events, Golf outings, Camping/Fishing, Car Shows
- Work days
  - Community, Missions, Local church body



## Build Relationships

- Foundation of successful men's ministry
- Gives men a sense of community
- This is the glue that holds men together before and after any event
- Events attract men, relationships make them stick
- Encourage to become to each other what they want their Church to become





## Winning and Discipling Men

- Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19)
  - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- Pray for workers (Matthew 9:37-38)
  - “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
- *Where we struggle is that we try to make workers and pray for disciples instead of making disciples and praying for workers!*



## Begin to Disciple Men

- Five goals for every man
  - A consistent quiet/prayer time
  - An organized Bible study
  - An accountability group
  - Active Church involvement
  - A personal ministry
- The first four will drive the fifth
- Start a Discipleship Program
- Practicing humility as instructed by Jesus
- Lifebuilders Discipleship 100, 200, 300 Programs



## Schedule 2 Major Events Each Year

- Men's Conferences
  - Lifebuilders
  - Man in the Mirror
  - Lion's Roar
  - Tri-State events
- Resurrection Breakfast
- Pastor Appreciation Day
- Lifebuilders Recognition Sunday
- Mission Trips



## Continuous Training

***Life is a continuous learning event. We never stop learning!***

- Lifebuilders Leadership Training
- Lifebuilders Certification
- Marriage and Family Retreats
- Elders Training
- Leadership Training
  - Podcasts
  - Webinars
  - Books



## Review – Five Types of Men

- **Unsaved** – Evangelistic Meetings, Man code, Training on how to share our faith
- **Cultural Christians** – Momentum Events
- **Disciples** – Programs, Going from wide to deep, Accountability
- **Leaders** – Teams, Delegating
- **Hurting** – Relationships, Encouragers, Sharing wisdom



## A Call to Action

- What are your next steps?
  - Lifebuilders checkup
  - Build a leadership team
  - Plan momentum events
  - Define the “Man Code” for your Church
  - Establish accountability partners
  - Build relationship events for your leaders
  - Start discipleship groups and programs
  - Generate an annual activity calendar
  - Review your plan with your Pastor
- Pair up and write down 3 new actions to take back to your Church



## Resources for Men

- Indiana Men's Leadership Team
- Lifebuilders online store
- Facebook – Indiana Lifebuilders
- “Man in the Mirror” Ministries
- Men Discipleship Network
- Fatherhood.com