

Tools to Help You Build Into the Lives of Men

Here are some tools to check out (or reconsider). Pick one or more that fit your church.

New Commandment Men's Ministry

It's Saturday morning and a small team of men arrive at the home of a widow, single mother, or another person in need. They've adopted a person in need and go to their home once a month for a couple of hours to help with basic home repair and maintenance. When they are done they pray for the care-receiver and as they leave say, "Lord willing, we'll see you next month." Many men are very fulfilled in doing this. The care-receiver is delighted and thankful for their faithfulness and practical help.

Developed by Herb Reese, a pastor in Colorado, nearly a thousand churches across the nation, including a number of EFCA churches, have begun a "New Commandment Ministry." To learn more you can go to: www.newcommandment.org

The Manger Build

On a cold Saturday morning in early December boys and girls arrive at the church with their dads, grandpas, uncles, or other volunteers from the church. They are going to build a life-size manger, like baby Jesus had. Men have pre-cut the wood (sometimes pre-drilled holes for the nails) set up each family to successfully build their own manger. The family takes it home and sets it up in front of the Christmas tree to keep Christ in front of our Christmas celebration. Each man leaves with a booklet of Christmas devotions he can use to lead the family at dinner time or bed time, and exercise the role of spiritual leader in the home. Mom is thrilled.

Information, video clips, training, etc. by Mike Young, of Noble Warriors, can be found at: www.TheMangerBuild.org

Men with No Regrets

The day before the Super Bowl over 3,000 men pack the Elmbrook Church in Wisconsin-- not for football—but for the annual **men's conference**. Men await the lineup of nationally known speakers, who will offer challenging and practical messages for men. It's sold out months ahead of time. A few years ago a decision was made to enable more men to participate in the conference through Host Sites via video feed. Last year about 75 locations were offered around the country. **You can bring this conference to your church.**

This ministry also offers one of the best **discipleship and leadership training study** series available called, "**Men With No Regrets.**" Checking out the conference and the men's studies at www.menwithnoregrets.org

NCMM Men's Ministry Leaders Conference

Leaders of these organizations, along with dozens more, will gather in **Denver, Colorado November 9-11 for the "Re-Load Leadership Summit."** NCMM is the National Coalition of Ministry to Men. Many of the top men's ministry leaders, authors, speakers, and organizations will be represented. There's nothing like it. You'll be challenged, encouraged, and equipped to return home and minister to men more effectively. I've attended many of these since 1999 and have always come away with fresh vision, ideas, encouragement, and new resources. Check it out: <http://ncmm.org/>

I'd love to hear your thoughts or experience with any of these or answer questions you have.

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