

# August 2012

## Strengthening Men's Ministry

*Acts 2:41*

**Emphasis:** Special events can energize your Men's Ministry.

**Teaching:** Everyone loves a crowd. Sports arenas are filled with people cheering. Churches open their worship centers seeking to fill every seat. Many people judge the success of an event by whether the room is full or not.

In the early church, in Acts 2, 3,000 people followed Christ in salvation after Peter's sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:41). In Acts 4, through the ministry of the early church, the number increased to 5,000 (Acts 4:4). The numbers were overwhelming. Yet, nestled between chapters 2 and 4 in the Book of Acts, is the story of one man who is healed. This leads us to understand that God uses both the large crowd and the personal touch to reach men.

Men's groups can participate in established special events to build energy in Men's Ministry. Plus, groups may decide to plan their own special event with a view to reach men who may not currently be involved in church or Men's Ministry.

Some of the Men's Conferences in which men may want to participate:

- Momentum Conferences – Steve Hutton, coordinator  
<http://www.momentumevents.org/site/node/35>
- Mighty Men of God Conferences – Dr. Paul Freed, coordinator  
<http://www.mightymenofgod.com/>
- FBC, Woodstock, GA Men's Conference – Dr. Johnny Hunt, coordinator  
<http://www.johnnyhuntmensconference.com/>

Conferences can touch men's hearts in a profound way. Utilizing the follow-up materials of the conference can help the event be long-lasting.

Special Events can be planned by local church Men's Ministry groups. These events can be tailored to the interests of the church.

- Wild Game Supper
- Antique Car Show
- 4 Wheeler Rally
- Dove Hunt
- Fishing Tournament

These are sample ideas; the list of possibilities is endless.

Notes

***Mission Application:***

- To have balance in Men's Ministry, special events must be a part of the ministry and not the whole ministry.
- Use special events to springboard into other regular Men's Ministry events.
- Because special events can be a lot of work, make sure not to overload one person with all the responsibility for the event.
- Thorough planning and evaluation can ensure greater success of special events.
- Be open to new ideas and unafraid to try something new to reach men in your community.
- Share successes with other men's groups.

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