

## **Planning Opportunities That Lead Men to Gather and Minister**

### **1. Fun Events**

- a. Plan a family night out for men and their wives. You can be as creative as you like. You may plan to go out to eat, have a cookout, or simply have a good movie with snacks that couples can enjoy together. Build a spirit of togetherness in your church.
- b. Plan a sports participation event for men. This could be a golf tournament, fishing outing, hunting trip, or other recreational event. Make it fun with a devotional or spiritual emphasis related to the event.
- c. Plan a men's breakfast that enlists the men of the community. Invite everyone in the area whether church related or not. Let the emphasis be the meal and fellowship. You may conclude by offering an opportunity to do some type of help project for a family or families in the area. Remember even those who are not connected to church like to help others. Your opportunity comes in personal contact and life style witness.
- d. Start a weekly power lunch or eye-opener breakfast for men in your community. Allow fellowship with discussion of the problems we are facing. Again, allow the spiritual emphasis to come through friendship or example; don't make this another worship service.
- e. Develop a community chili cook-off or wild game supper. Have a subtle spiritual emphasis built into the program. Allow this to be fun!
- f. Have a football party! Select an appropriate professional or college game. Invite guys to someone's home. Prepare a meal or snacks.

### **2. Development Events**

- a. Offer a divorce recovery event for men in the church or community. Even with men who are now remarried, there are difficulties that they still face. Good opportunity for enlistment of new men for your church.
- b. Offer a father-son camp out or a father-daughter banquet. No father generally spends enough quality time with his family.
- c. Offer assistance or recovery group for pornography or addictions. This is destroying our families today.
- d. Offer seminars on finances, time management, marriage, parenting, or dealing with aging parents. These will offer something for every man in the church.
- e. Develop special Bible studies for men. This should be offered for a short time and relate to current life.
- f. Offer witness or prayer events to enhance personal growth in the life of a man.
- g. Attempt to develop fellowships for interest groups related to careers, interest, or hobbies.

### **3. Mission Challenges**

- a. Develop a group that looks for mission opportunities at church or in the community.
- b. Plan automotive or lawn maintenance for widows or the elderly.
- c. Assist with church building maintenance.
- d. Provide career counseling for those without work.
- e. Help with community soup kitchens or look for those in your community in need and assist with support.
- f. Help relate to children in the community with no male influence.
- g. Develop a homework support group for children with little or no family support.
- h. Offer assistance with maintenance for your local school.
- i. Develop a building team for churches or homes that need assistance.
- j. Become a Mission Service Corps volunteer.
- k. Develop a church disaster relief ministry.
- l. Conduct an outreach Bible study in your home or workplace.
- m. If you have lawyers or accountants in your church offer limited advice or assistance to those who are financially unable to seek help.
- n. Help secure counseling for those unable to afford help with mental issues.
- o. Assist with children's homes.
- p. Develop a jail ministry to inmates, families, or victims.