

APPENDIX 5

Sample Class Teaching Timeline



MEN OF PRINCE GEORGE FOCUS GROUP

Weekly Format Plan - Week 1 - Sept. 21

Who	Description	Time for this	Time
Jamie	Opening prayer		7:00
Jamie	Welcome to all - thanks for participating Talk up appreciation for 7 week commitment		
John	Talk about trust; confidentiality must be maintained. Having said that, I will be taking notes to record important points. Jamie will be the main leader of the group; I'm helping with the operational parts. Each man's input is respected and welcomed; but allow for all. I'll send out a weekly e-mail with the weekly assignment. If you will not be able to make a meeting, please let me know.		7:05
Jamie	Describe the purpose of this Focus Group Study, consider reasons for men's ministry Look for best practices Design a plan for our church		7:10
Jamie	Ice breaker questions: Why have you stepped forward to participate in this process? When did you first begin to attend our church? What drew you and keeps you coming back to our church? What do you hope to gain from this Focus Group experience?		
Jamie	Introduce Jay Crouse -		7:30
JAY	Overview of Intro, Preface and Chapter 1 Talking Points		
John	Questions for Group Discussion: FROM PERSONAL REFLECTION: What inspires me with energy for working with men? Who can I call on to partner with me - using the 2 by 2 example - to pursue this big, holy, audacious adventure? FROM GROUP DISCUSSION: Flash forward in history 20 years and imagine your church on Sunday morning. How many men are there? Why are they there - or not there?		7:50
Jamie	Take Away		7:55
Jamie	Next Week's Assignment - Read Chapters 2, 3 and 4. Do some research: men and the church today		
John	Closing prayer		8:00

Weekly Format Plan – Week 6 – Nov. 2

Who	Description	Time for this	Time
Jamie	Welcome to all – thanks again for your participation. We will be rotating opening and closing prayers each week. Opening prayer - ask for volunteer (or assign beforehand?)		7:00
John	Thanks again for committing to this Focus Group for 7 weeks. Reminder about maintaining confidentiality. I will be taking notes. We welcome everyone's input, but be concise; allow time for others. <u>Week 1:</u> we talked about how many of you said you had been invited to something here, and that invitation was an important part of your initial involvement. <u>Week 2:</u> younger guys are different; people come back to the church during crises; men need to see Jesus is the answer; conversion takes time (yrs.); get them back in the pew with project oriented appeals; challenge them; different markets (sons of current members; older guys here but not involved; young guys not at PG). <u>Week 3:</u> we talked about the ultimate role of men's ministry in the local church is to equip us to be disciple makers. But, over many years, the church has changed and many men don't like church now or feel disconnected. We need for visiting/disconnected men to know what we mean to be a Christian man today. We need to have a structure in place, and part of that structure is what we will be looking at this morning. <u>Week 4:</u> we looked at some of Jay's resources (resource guide – Connect/Commit/Reach/Lead) and gathering card (to use with a small group), along with some discipleship tools we could use (33 The Series on Right Now Media, Radical Mentoring, Christian Leadership Concepts). <u>Week 5:</u> we looked at our experiences as disciple makers; at how Jesus equipped his disciples over 3 years before giving them the Great Commission to go and spread the good news; we are to make disciples in our homes, neighborhoods and work place, and our community and world. Men need a 2x2 buddy, a senior spiritual mentor, and a younger man to mentor (FATS – faithful, available, teachable, stable); 5 cries in men's hearts: heal father wound, challenge me with a great cause, give me a solid friend and group of brothers in support, deliver from addictions, give me someone to honor/serve/thank and praise. Today, we start Part 3 of Jay's book, as we review Chapters 11 – 14. There is no replacing a man's local church. That is where we will actually lead men through a process of Christian formation, Christ formed in us. This is the heart and soul of a men's ministry in the life of the church. Be thinking about your thoughts regarding how we should complete the planning template.		7:05
Jamie	<u>Chapter 11:</u> Overview Denominational differences and how they serve as door openers to which church people choose to attend and then to open their hearts to ultimately be transformed. <u>Spiritual temperaments</u> <u>Circle of piety</u> <u>Denomination</u> the intellectual; Rational the activist; Sensory the ascetic; Mystical the caregiver; Emotional the contemplative; Mystical the enthusiast; Emotional the naturalist; Sensory the sensate; Sensory the traditionalist; Rational Group Discussion Question (#3 on page 205) <u>Chapter 12:</u> Socrates: "the unexamined life is a life not worth living." A man is called to journey into deeper relation with self, God & neighbor. Who are we as men? What is the definition of authentic manhood? Review the story from The Mission Field on p. 216: "Die to Self" Next Step Action Plan: Consider the Personal Spiritual Retreat (pages 218-220) Questions: retreat questions on page 221		7:15 7:25-7:30

John	<p>Chapter 13: Overview The discussion of salvation in 3 biblical steps. Page 225 Justification: Position – I have been saved from the penalty of sin by God’s eternal declaration. Sanctification: Process – I’m being saved from the power of sin by my daily decisions. Glorification: Pinnacle – I shall be saved from the presence of sin in my heavenly dwelling. Story from the Mission Field – p. 226 – Mike Forbes’ personal story of struggling through these stages.</p> <p>It’s a formation process. Our goal is to daily take up the journey of surrendering to the process of sanctification. It is what I call the “secret of life” found on page 228: living in union with God, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Group Discussion Question (#2 on page 236)</p>		7:40
Jamie	<p>Chapter 14: Overview Our men’s ministry format as modeled by Jesus: He called, mentored, equipped, and sent his disciples. Review the Story from the Mission Field on p. 244.</p> <p>Taking all of the best practices learned over these past 6 weeks and as we prepare to draft an action plan for moving forward, the questions for you and the men in our group:</p> <p>How is God calling you to participate as we now move into our men’s ministry action plan?</p> <p>What are you discerning as the role you are being asked to step into as we call, mentor, equip, and send the men of our church?</p> <p>With time remaining this morning, let’s talk about your ideas for our planning template, which will equip today’s men to be tomorrow’s disciple makers.</p>		7:55
John	<p>Next Week’s Assignment – no reading, but think about:</p> <p>How is God calling you to participate as we now move into our men’s ministry action plan? What are you discerning as the role you are being asked to step into as we call, mentor, equip, and send the men of our church? Which programs should we consider adding to our men’s ministry to begin a 2 year and a 5 year men’s equipping process? (what should be in our planning template?)</p>		
Jamie	<p>Final thoughts Closing prayer - ask for volunteer (or assign beforehand?)</p> <p>Have a great week – see you next Wednesday.</p>		8:00