

Helpful Hints for Starting or Revitalizing your Disciples Men Group

1. BUILD A TEAM

It is very important to have a small core group of two to five committed men to make the idea of a Disciples Men's group a reality. There will be too much for one person to handle alone.



2. SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT

It is important that the minister(s) support your efforts. By developing programs to meet the needs of your congregation's men, you are helping the minister(s).



3. FOCUS ON NEEDS

Consider what the men in your congregation and community need: spiritual development, fellowship, support, mission opportunities, study, etc. Create your Disciples Men group to address those needs.



4. QUALITY MINISTRIES

Make certain ministries meet the needs and interests of your men, start and end at the publicized time, and include prayer and worship time. (A focus on Christ-like living is essential.)



5. PERSONAL CONTACT

While it is important to use traditional means to invite people, a personal invitation is most effective. Inviting men from other areas of your life is a great opportunity to build relationships



6. PARTNERSHIP

Look for opportunities to join with other Disciples Men groups in your region. Encourage participation in regional men's events. Share news of what is happening in Disciples Men across the denomination.



7. PUSH THE BOUNDARIES

Expand your vision for men's ministry. Community groups and online studies allow churches with only a few men to have a meaningful ministry. *Pathway to Blessing* (from the Office of Disciples Men) is one such resource.



8. SHARE YOUR STORY

Let the Co-directors of Disciples Men know how your Disciples Men group is going. Success stories can help others push through, and sharing your hardships allows for support and encouragement!

