



G-Men - 2017

Vision Meeting: August 24, 2017 6:30pm (dinner)
& 7pm (meeting) @ Lake Bible Church
in the Great Room

Begin Weekly Meetings: September 7, 2017
7pm @ Lake Bible Church in the Great Room

Goal: Biblical manhood – men living simply and purely devoted to Christ (2 Cor. 11:3), no longer living for themselves but for Christ who died and rose again on their behalf (2 Cor. 5:15).

Vision Impact: *Psalm 78:3-8* What we have heard and learned– that which our ancestors have told us– ⁴ we will not hide from their descendants. We will tell the next generation about the LORD's praiseworthy acts, about his strength and the amazing things he has done. ⁵ He established a rule in Jacob; he set up a law in Israel. He commanded our ancestors to make his deeds known to their descendants, ⁶ so that the next generation, children yet to be born, might know about them. They will grow up and tell their descendants about them. ⁷ Then they will place their confidence in God. They will not forget the works of God, and they will obey his commands. ⁸ Then they will not be like their ancestors, who were a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that was not committed and faithful to God.

Meeting Formats: G-Men meets weekly on Thursday nights (beginning Sept. 7th – Dec. 14 for first term, Jan. 11 through Mar. 22 for second term, Apr. 5–June 7 for third term) at 7pm at Lake Bible Church. There are two main formats for our meetings: a teaching week followed by a discussion week.

- **Teaching Week Format:** The first 15 minutes is an informal time of fellowship and connecting with other men in the group (a light snack to be provided by a different man each week). Following this time, we move directly into our teaching time from God's Word. After the Bible teaching, the men huddle up into groups for a 10-15 minute debriefing. Each man answers the question: "What is the most significant thing the Lord has shown you tonight?" The

session ends with a closing prayer. Teaching focus for this fall: The Witness of the Church (Simple Evangelism) – Acts 1-8.

- **Discussion Week Format:** The first 10 minutes is an informal time of fellowship and connecting with other men in the group (a light snack to be provided by a different man each week). Following this time, we move into an accountability time in small groups (of three to four men) for about 15-20 minutes. This time focuses on three key questions: 1. Have you been with Jesus? (relationship with God) 2. Have you been with believers? (relationship with family and the body of Christ) 3. Have you been with the lost? (relationship with the unsaved). After our accountability time, the men move into discussion groups where they respond to questions regarding both the content and the application of the previous week's Bible teaching. This discussion time lasts about 30-40 minutes. The remaining 20 minutes is spent in a unique directed prayer time.

Commitment: Men are asked to make a commitment to be actively involved. Actively involved allows for one to two absences per term. We understand that 100% attendance is not possible or likely for any man. Sickness, unavoidable work issues, and family matters may hinder our attendance occasionally. We ask each man to make this commitment to God, their family, and to the other G-Men brothers. This commitment is intended to help foster spiritual growth, excellent group dynamics, and a true brotherhood. When a man is out, it does affect the other men in the group.

At the end of the 1st and 2nd term, G-Men members are asked to evaluate their experience and decide if they will make a commitment to be actively involved in the next term.

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