

SSBC Men's Ministry Manifesto

Men's Ministry is the ministry lived out by the men of SSBC, especially in regards to equipping one another for ministry. This means that Men's Ministry is discipleship. Discipleship is an intentional process of influencing someone to become more like you in way/ways that you are more like Christ.

Matthew 10:25

"It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master..."

I Corinthians 11:1

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

2 Timothy 2:2

"...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

The Values of Men's Ministry programming:

¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love. I Corinthians 16:13-14

Discipleship is the main purpose and value of SSBC Men's Ministry. It is an integral (literally "integrated") part of our local church and The Body of Christ. It is not merely another ministry wing of the church with separate agendas. Its existence is felt in each aspect of the church. *

Any event, program, activity, etc needs to be evaluated through these values.

Does this event

1. Equip the men to have a meaningful & positive impact in the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, in their families, and in the local church?
2. Give men the chance to develop momentous friendships/intentional discipleship?
3. Give men a scheduled time to engage with those they lead, serve, and need to disciple (children, spouse, neighbors, one another)?
4. Give men a format in which to bless/reward/encourage/pray for one another?

* Typically, “Men’s ministry” is analogous to another room in the Fellowship Hall: Meaningful, but separate, distinct, and always in risk of being disconnected from the overall ministry of the church.

We believe that true men’s ministry would be more like the air conditioning: meaningful, and impacting all the rooms in the church - bringing better ministry to each ministry emphasis of the church. Imagine a children’s ministry that is intentionally impacted by the MEN of the church; music ministry, the youth ministry, outreach, etc!

Men today have little excess time and stereotypical youth ministry to men is not valuable enough to cheat other things. We want to turn men’s energy and attention to their main ministries at home, not away.