



# WELCOME to journey 2manhood



# David Ede family





**Welcome**

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# **Journey 2 Manhood**

## **Session 3**



# General Overview

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- Milestone #1: Make a [personal commitment](#)
- Milestone #2: Complete the J2M [Evaluation Tool](#)
- Milestone #3: Assemble a [group](#) with other like-minded men.
- Milestone #4: Create a [written plan](#).
- Milestone #5: Plan and execute a [Kickoff Event](#).
- Milestone #6: Plan and execute a [Final Ceremony](#)



# More Detailed Structure

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- The importance of prayer. *(Worksheet 3, Scriptures)*
- The importance of J2M commitments.  
*(Worksheet 4, J2M Commitments)*
- The importance of traveling this journey with a group of like-minded men. *(Worksheet 5, J2M Goals and Worksheet 6, J2M Challenge)*
  - Share responsibilities.
  - Share perspectives.
  - A community of men.
- The importance of a written plan.  
*(Worksheet 7, J2M Calendars)*



# Teaching / Content

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- Short lesson for each monthly meeting
- Share the teaching responsibility!
- Material should be approved by the other fathers before the meeting
- Many groups utilize a theme to tie the teachings together. (*Worksheet 8, Sample lesson*)

Example: Man and His Relationships:

With God, with himself, his father, his mother, his male peers, his female peers, his siblings, the poor.







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- **Examples:** Camping, shooting (indoor or outdoor), hiking, hunting, fishing, sporting events (football, basketball, baseball, hockey, rodeo, roller derby), “pitch & putt” golf, caving, ropes course, “date” with mom, service project, volunteering, paintball, Segway tour, canoes/kayaks on Brushy Creek Lake or Lake Georgetown, skydiving, water skiing, jet skis



# Final Ceremony

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# Designing the Final Ceremony

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## Memorable Ceremonies:

- Take an Investment – Requires an investment of thought, planning, effort and money
- Communicates Value – Says “you are important!”
- Uses Symbols – hammers, plaques, cups, compasses...
- Reinforces Lessons from the Journey.
- Casts a Vision for the future –  
How will life be different now that this transition has occurred?





# The Big Event

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## Administration:

- Where will you go? How long will you be there?
- Who will take care of reservations?  
Who will plan the meals?
- Who will organize the gear? How will you get there? Etc...



# The Big Picture

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- What do you want to emphasize, now that you have been through the entire year? What changes have you seen? What encouragement can you give?
- What symbols will you use to represent these important truths?
- How will you creatively communicate these truths and introduce these symbols? Foot washing, burning of boyhood behaviors, communion.
- Will you employ the element of surprise?



# The Blessing

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- What will you say? I love you; I am proud of you; I believe in you; You are mine; I am committed to you.
- Do each of the fathers speak into each of the boys lives?
- Is there a time for each Father/Son to communicate the Blessing separate from the group?
- Is there a symbol of this Blessing? Is it the same for each Young Man or individual? How will you present it?





# The Conclusion

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- How will you recognize them as “Young Men” to the entire group? (Ex. Hand shake of a man and the embrace of a father).
- How will you conclude the Final Ceremony? (Ex. Prayer by the Young Men thanking God for what has taken place).
- Will you have a follow-up activity that is designed to emphasize the “crossing over” that has just occurred?
- When will you seek feedback from the Young Men on what the J2M has meant to them?



# Other Thoughts

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- Will you include the grandfathers in any part of your J2M process?
- Will you include the mothers in any part of your J2M process?
- How will you announce this to your immediate family? Extended family? (Celebration Dinner?)
- How will you and your wife treat your son differently as a result of his successful transition into manhood? How will you communicate this to him?



# Ideas for Ceremonies

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- Foot Washing – Father to serve son, son to serve others.
- Communion – Unity as brothers in service of Christ.
- Broken Vase – Desperate need for Christ to be able to walk as a man.
- Crossing Over – Fire, water, other.





# Ideas for Symbols

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- Painting Faces – Warriors
- Gifts – Hammer, sword, crest, ring, necklace, compass (direction in life)...
- Plaque
- Others



# Next Week:

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Examples, Case Studies, and  
documentation





# Homework:

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- Review the list of scriptures (Worksheet 3).
- Review “J2M Challenge” form (Worksheet 6).
- Review the list of “Milestones” (Worksheet 2). If you have not already done so, make a personal commitment to fully engage and complete the J2M process with your son.
- If you have not already established your group, make a special effort to identify other dads to partner with you in this process.  
(Milestone #3)





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