







- 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

- 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

- [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.



Activities (FUN!)

- Again, one of the goals is to [create](#) [lifetime](#) memories for you both.
- **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



Designing the Final Ceremony

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

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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

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



Next Week:

Examples, Case Studies, and documentation



Homework:

- 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)




