

## SESSION #6: MEN AND MENTORS

“Social, emotional, and spiritual blind spots and/or deficits caused by a lack of healthy male comradeship that results over time in foolish actions, serious setbacks, and a short-sighted masculinity.”

### I. EVERY MAN BENEFITS FROM THE COMPANY OF OTHER \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The friendless American male.

B. The significant downside to isolation.

1. No \_\_\_\_\_. (You develop a \_\_\_\_\_ perspective on life.)
2. No \_\_\_\_\_. (You allow yourself \_\_\_\_\_ you wouldn't allow others.)
3. No \_\_\_\_\_. (You lose \_\_\_\_\_ for the critical areas of life.)
4. No \_\_\_\_\_. (You lose \_\_\_\_\_.)

C. What the Scriptures have to say:

1. Proverbs 27:17 *“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”*
2. Proverbs 18:24 *“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”*
3. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 *“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!”*
4. Hebrews 10:24 *“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”*

D. What you can do:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to other men.
2. Challenge a man at a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Pick someone you can \_\_\_\_\_ with.

## II. EVERY MAN BENEFITS FROM THE COMPANY OF A \_\_\_\_\_.

A. From Dad to whom?

B. The difference between discipleship and mentoring.

1. Discipleship focuses on \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Mentoring is about \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Characteristics of a mentor.

1. Supports rather than \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

2. A \_\_\_\_\_, not a critic.

3. Helps develop your \_\_\_\_\_ while seeking to protect you from costly mistakes.

4. One who \_\_\_\_\_.

5. One who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in you because he instinctively recognizes your value and untapped potential.

D. Biblical examples of mentoring and mentors.

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. Who are the male heroes in your life?
2. What men, other than your dad, made a significant, personal contribution to your life?
3. Have you ever had a mentor? Explain.
4. Is there a man (or men) who is watching out for you now?

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