

SESSION #11

JOURNEYMEN: FIRST SEMESTER REVIEW

I. PRESUPPOSITIONS AND PROMISES

A. Presuppositions:

1. Manhood is in a state of confusion.
2. Confused men create major problems.
3. Confused men settle for less.
4. There is no lofty vision of manhood that is compelling to men today.
5. The Bible has insight and answers to all of the above.

B. Promises for those who finish:

1. You will have a clear definition of manhood.
2. You will make some significant personal discoveries about yourself.
3. You will have a personalized plan to achieving authentic manhood.
4. You will make new friends who are pursuing a common goal.

II. THE MANHOOD WOUNDS

A. The Absent Father Wound

Definition: An ongoing emotional, social, or spiritual deficit, ordinarily met in a healthy relationship with Dad that must now be overcome by other means.

B. The Overly Bonded with Mother Wound

Definition: An unhealthy emotional intimacy with mother that causes a son to either be threatened by the influence of women later on, or to over-identify with that influence.

C. The Disconnected from other Men & Mentors Wound

Definition: 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.

D. The Depravity Wound

Definition: We are all fallen and cursed creatures at odds with our creator.

E. The Lack of A Compelling Vision for Manhood Wound

Definition: A stunted or perverse masculinity that prevails over a culture misdirecting masculine energies into destructive patterns.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Welcome any newcomers to the group and spend a few minutes getting acquainted.

1. For those who are new – what are you hoping to get from your experience?
2. For those who were here last semester – what was your single biggest take away? Have you done anything yet and what happened?
3. Discuss how we, as a group, can best encourage you this semester.

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