

DAVID'S MEN

SEEKING THE HEART OF GOD



Introduction

David's Men (DM) is a discipleship experience designed to deepen our walk with Jesus Christ and strengthen our relationships with other Christian men. Over the years, we've seen God impact men's lives in powerful ways thru DM. Men who had never prayed aloud are now prayer warriors...marriages saved...men now openly speaking about what God is doing in their lives...grace experienced...men passionately pursuing Jesus like never before...and many more.

The best testimonies come from the wives of these men, who say their husbands are more gentle, patient, and loving than ever before...and taking the spiritual lead in their homes.

DM is not a Bible study or fellowship group. It is a process that challenges and stretches each man in areas such as prayer, worship, sexual purity, leadership, family, and intimacy with God.

It's not a collection of materials or information that makes DM impactful. The success of DM comes from gathering a small group of men who have a desire to be closer to God and holding them accountable to each other and to God. *God is responsible for molding each man's heart. It is the group's responsibility to hold each man in the furnace long enough for God to melt his heart.*

David's Men Fundamentals:

- **Vision:** Impact men to impact families to impact churches to impact communities to impact the world for God's glory
- **Mission:** Challenging men to seek God's heart through spiritual disciplines in authentic community
- **Core Values:**
 - The Vault (authenticity and confidentiality)
 - Spur one another on (challenge each other; no isolation!)
 - Emphasize spiritual disciplines (scripture memorization, prayer, fasting, evangelism, and others)
 - Read spiritual books
 - One 3-hr. meeting/month (vs. more frequent, shorter meetings)
- **Timeline:** Each DM year starts in September and ends the following June. A DM group can only be joined at the beginning of the DM year.

- **Format:** DM focuses on one key topic each month (e.g., leadership, prayer, marriage, stewardship, holiness, etc.). There are assignments designed to stretch each man and take him out of his comfort zone. Every month each DM group meets for approximately three hours to discuss the current month's book and assignment(s). Here is a typical meeting agenda:
 - Fellowship with food
 - Corporate prayer
 - Review scripture memorization
 - Book discussion
 - Discuss assignments
 - Accountability
 - Preview upcoming month's focus and assignment(s)
- **Cost:** \$175 (\$75 for group leaders and men who want to order their own books) *Cost should not prevent any man from joining David's Men. If cost is a concern, notify your DM group leader to discuss payment plan and/or scholarship.*
- **DM Retreat:** September 13-14, 2019 (starts at 5PM on Friday, ends by noon on Saturday) *NOTE: The retreat is a powerful time of fellowship, hearing testimonies, celebrating those completing DM, and kicking off the new DM year (includes your group's 1st meeting). Consider it mandatory to participate in DM this year.*

DM is a significant commitment that should not be made lightly. Your DM experience (and that of other men in your group) will depend greatly on what you put into it. It is very challenging, but it is very rewarding. It will impact your life, your marriage, and your family because it will impact your relationship with God.

At the beginning of the year, each DM signs a covenant which states he will commit for nine months to attend all group meetings, read all the material, complete all the assignments, and pray for each man and the success of the group. It is essential each man fulfills this commitment to maintain the dynamics of the group. It is a closed group for the year...no one enters, no one leaves. This allows the men to develop a comfort level and establish an environment for authentic community. It typically takes a few months to start showing signs of real bonding and openness, and then the growth of the men begins to skyrocket.

King David was a man who struggled with lust, adultery, deceit and murder. Like us, he was a man with many weaknesses. Yet even though he struggled from time to time, the Bible describes David as "a man after God's own heart." *That is one of the highest compliments given in the entire Bible.* Our goal this year is to come to the end of ourselves, submit to the Lordship of Christ, and, like David, to be "a man after God's own heart."

Go to biltmorechurch.com/davidsmen for more information about DM.