



It's Up to You!

This DM year has been different...in many ways! New DMs, new books, the dynamics of new groups...these are all normal each year. But we've also had some 1st-time differences like studying two books of scripture and digital meetings due to COVID-19.

As we enter this final month, it's time for another brand-new change: Your DM group will select its own topic and book. We've designed this so your group can choose to go deeper in a previously covered topic or focus on something completely different...whatever is best for your group. The possible topics and books are listed following this month's memory verses.

Through all the changes this year, God has still impacted men's lives, and He's not done yet. Let's focus on Him and finish strong this final month!

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, the books we ordered through the church are not expected to arrive until later in May. This means your group might need to push back the June meeting to give every DM enough time to read the books once they come in. If so, that is fine! If every DM in your group is ordering digital books, you can proceed with your normal timeline.

A final note: Thank you, DM leaders! This could not happen without your willingness to follow God's lead, your commitment, and your care for the DMs in your group. You've made a significant difference...thank you!

Current Month Assignments

- Read the book your group chose this month and prepare a book summary to share with your group.
- Memorize this month's verses. Review verses from the entire DM year to ensure they are deeply rooted in your heart and mind.
- Complete your *David's Men Year in Review* Summary and email it to your group before your final meeting. Spend time reflecting on this DM year. There is not a required format for this assignment, but it should include your thoughts on the following items:
 - Which month's topic/focus had the greatest impact on your walk with Christ this year? Why?
 - o In what area/spiritual discipline do you believe God is calling you to greater growth and development? What action steps will you take in this area as you move forward?
 - What has been the most valuable/meaningful part of DM for you? Why?
 - Which memory scripture has meant the most to you? Why?
 - o How is God leading you with respect to next steps in your faith journey with Him?
- Man-date: By phone is fine! As usual, this would be a great opportunity to practice saying your verses.

Resources:

• The list of this month's possible topics/books is provided after this month's memory verses.

Memory Verses

Witness to the World

Acts 1:8 – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Matthew 28:19-20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Book/Topic Options

NOTE: Each group should select one of the books below. These books have been read/vetted by at least one member of the DM Vision Team.

Anger

• Anger: Taming a Powerful Emotion by Gary Chapman

Apologetics

- More Than a Carpenter by Josh & Sean McDowell
- Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus by Nabeel Qureshi (A dedicated Muslim meets Jesus)
- *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis
- *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- Reason for God by Tim Keller

Bible

• 30 Days to Understanding the Bible by Max Anders

Discipleship

- Growing Up: How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples by Robby Gallaty
- <u>The Cost of Discipleship</u> by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (German pastor who stood up to Hitler during WWII)

Evangelism

• Good News for a Change: How to Talk to Anyone About Jesus by Matt Mikalatos

Fatherhood

- Raising Kingdom Kids by Tony Evans
- Shepherding a Child's Heart by Paul Tripp

Grace

• *Transforming Grace* by Jerry Bridges

Holiness

- The Pursuit of Holiness by Jerry Bridges
- Ordering Your Private World by Gordon MacDonald

Leadership

• Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders

Manhood

• *Tender Warrior* by Stu Weber

Marriage

 For Men Only: A Straightforward Guide to the Inner Lives of Women by Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn

- <u>The Meaning of Marriage: Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the Wisdom of God</u> by Tim Keller
- If Only He Knew: A Valuable Guide to Knowing, Understanding, and Loving Your Wife by Gary Smalley

Miscellaneous

- *Under Our Skin: Getting Real About Race* by Ben Watson (Race and the Gospel)
- <u>Margin: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives</u> by Richard Swenson (restoring margin in all areas of your life)

Prayer

- A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World by Paul Miller
- If You Will Ask: Reflections on the Power of Prayer by Oswald Chambers

Sexual Purity

- Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace by Heath Lambert
- <u>Every Man's Battle: Winning the War on Sexual Temptation One Victory at a Time</u> by Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker (NOTE: This is a new, updated 20th-anniversary edition.)

Spiritual Disciplines

- Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald Whitney
- *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster

Stewardship & Generosity

- How to Be Rich: It's Not What You Have. It's What You Do with What You Have. by Andy Stanley
- The God Guarantee: Finding Freedom from the Fear of Not Having Enough by Jack Alexander