



## **Starting a Men's Team Ministry to the Widowed and Single Parents in Your Church**

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### **Video #5 – How to Lead a Devotional Hour and Preparing Your Teams for Their First Service Day**

#### **Suggested Blog Post Reading**

- The Busy Layman's Guide to Leading a Men's Team Ministry Devotional Hour
- Preparing Your Teams for their First Service Day
- Consider Closing in Prayer on Your Care Receiver's Front Lawn
- Emphasize Safety from the Very Beginning of Your Men's Team Ministry

#### **Video Outline**

##### **How to Lead a Devotional Hour**

1. Decide on the format you're going to use for your devotional hour.
2. Decide on a routine to use for your prep time.
3. Give yourself margin in your prep time.
4. Don't wait until the last minute.
5. Prepare your devotional.
  - a Select your verse.
  - b Read it in its context.
  - c Meditate on it.
  - d Summarize it in one sentence.
  - e Think of a concrete example that illustrates your main point.
  - f Think of five discussion questions for your discussion time.
6. Print out copies of your discussion questions to give your teams during their discussion time.
7. Holding your devotional hour
  - a Arrive early.
  - b Set up chairs in a semicircle to encourage a relaxed atmosphere.
  - c Have name tags ready.
  - d Start on time regardless of who is present.
  - e Talk about your notes, don't read your notes verbatim. (If you can't remember your devotional, don't expect anyone else to.)
  - f Split up into groups for discussion and pass out your discussion questions.
  - g Come back together for a time of last minute planning.
  - h Make sure everyone knows what team they are on and who their care receiver is.
  - i Head out to serve your care receivers!

## **Preparing Your Teams for Their First Service Day**

1. The first service day for your teams and care receivers will be different from succeeding service days.
2. At the end of your first devotional time, during your last-minute planning, remind your teams that the primary purpose of their first service day is to get to know each other and their care receiver.
3. Encourage team members to spend time introducing themselves and talking with their care receiver.
4. Then have your team members and their care receiver do a walk-through of the house and grounds.
5. They should make a list of potential projects.
6. Then they should prioritize the projects and make plans.
7. Encourage your teams to begin with some simple projects before attacking difficult ones.

## **Checklist After Watching this Video**

- ✓ Plan the format for your devotional hour
- ✓ Prepare your devotional
- ✓ Send a mass email to all participants at least 4 days before your service day
- ✓ Contact team callers individually on Thursday or Friday to make sure they fulfilled their role
- ✓ Hold your first service day
- ✓ Early in the following week contact team callers again to see how things went