



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

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Video #1 - Introducing Your Church Leadership and Your Church to Men's Team Ministry

Suggested Blog Post Reading

- Imagine Yourself as a Change Agent for Good for Your Church
- How any Layman Can Start a Men's Team Ministry
- 11 Obstacles to Starting a Men's Team Ministry and How to Overcome Them
- What Every Pastor Needs to Know About Men's Team Ministry
- What Every Congregation Needs to Know About Men's Team Ministry

Video Outline

The steps you need to take to introduce your church leadership to men's team ministry.

1. **Familiarize yourself with the material:** Watch the intro video series, "Mobilize Your Men to Meet Pressing Needs in Your Church," if you haven't already. Also watch the orientation DVD.
2. **Boil it all down into one simple sentence:** Men's team ministry is teams of men serving the widowed and single parents in our church on a regular basis.
3. **Think of someone** in the church who might greatly benefit from a men's team ministry.
4. **Pray** about and then decide if you would be **willing to lead** the ministry yourself. You don't have to lead the ministry. But your pastor may ask you to.
5. **Make an appointment** with your pastor. Tell him why you want to meet with him.
6. **Meet** with your pastor. Give him a link to the orientation DVD and workbook.
7. **Introduce men's team ministry to your pastor** (your one sentence explanation and any other basic facts you think may be important). Give your pastor the example of a person in your church whom you think would really benefit from a men's team ministry. Tell your pastor you would be willing to lead the ministry (if you are), or that you will help him find someone to lead the ministry (if you can't). Ask your pastor to watch the orientation DVD and look at the workbook. Let your pastor know you'll get back to him in a few weeks to see what he thinks.
8. **Pray** and have a general start date (3-4 months away) in mind if your pastor approves of the ministry
9. **Contact your pastor** after two or three weeks to see what he thinks.
10. **Suggest a general start time if you receive a green light**, such as, "Do you think we might be able to start in three or four months?"
11. **Accept your pastor's decision as God's will for you and your church.** If he says no, ask him if it would be okay if you and your wife or a friend in the church could visit some widows in the church on a regular and informal basis.

The most important things your pastor and church need to know:

- What the basic men's team ministry model is
- Why men's team ministry is needed
- The difference between project ministry and relational ministry
- Some background on New Commandment Men's Ministries
- Who will lead it
- What it costs

For a more detailed description, see Herb's blog posts: What every pastor/congregation needs to know about men's team ministry to the widowed and single parents

Checklist after watching this video.

- ✓ Watch the orientation DVD with the workbook. You can find these on the membership site on the "Download Training Material" tab.
- ✓ Set up an appointment with your pastor.
- ✓ Meet with your pastor.
- ✓ Give him a link to the orientation DVD and workbook and ask him to review the material
- ✓ Contact your pastor 2 to 3 weeks later and see if he gives you a green light