



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

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Video #2 – Planning Your Men's Team Ministry

Suggested Blog Post Reading

- Establishing Long Term Leadership Continuity
- FAQ About Men's Team Ministry to the Widowed and Single Parents
- Developing a Church Policy Statement for Your Men's Team Ministry
- When and How to Use Women in Your Men's Team Ministry
- Using Teams of Men to Serve the Widowed and Single Parents is Culture Specific
- Men's Team Ministry for Churches Under Fifty

Video Outline

Getting final approval

1. Make sure you have gone through the appropriate channels in your church to receive approval to do your men's team ministry.
2. If you haven't, go back to the first webinar and review those steps.

Deciding on a leadership team

1. Simplicity in organization is a key to longevity
2. Multiple leaders are a key to longevity
3. Types of leadership
 - Your pastor or men's ministry staff person leads the men's team ministry
 - You and your pastor or staff person lead the ministry
 - You alone lead the ministry
 - You and another lay person lead the ministry
 - A committee of men lead the ministry
4. Make sure roles are defined and the leaders are knowledgeable about the ministry and are committed to it.

Developing policy

1. For policy suggestions, review my blog "Developing a Church Policy Statement for Your Men's Team Ministry"
2. I strongly recommend requiring at least two care givers present at a care receiver's home.
3. Keep your policy statement simple so your men can remember it.
4. Get your policy statement reviewed and approved by your church leadership.
5. Review your policy statement with your men at your future orientation.

Setting a schedule for implementation

1. You'll need to schedule three important dates: your orientation meeting, your first service day and the start of your promotional campaign
2. Allow at least two months from the time you form your leadership team to the time you do your orientation.
3. The best times of the year for orientations are early fall and early spring.
4. I suggest holding your orientation for three hours on the same Saturday morning of the month that you'll be meeting on for your service days. For example, if your service days are going to be on the second Saturday of each month, hold your orientation on that Saturday, starting at the same time your service day starts.
5. Make sure your orientation doesn't conflict with other church events.
6. Next, schedule your first service day for a month after your orientation. You'll want to announce this date at your orientation.
7. Finally, schedule the start of your promotional campaign for one month before your orientation.
8. All things being equal, I personally think the second Saturday of each month is the best Saturday to do men's team ministry. You'll miss the summer holidays that occur early or late in the month (Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day), as well as the holidays that occur early or late in the month in November, December and January (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day).

Checklist after watching this video

- ✓ Confirm that you have approval from your church leadership to proceed.
- ✓ Decide on the type of leadership team you will have.
- ✓ Recruit your leadership team and define roles.
- ✓ Develop your policy statement and get input and approval from your church leadership.
- ✓ Set the dates for your orientation meeting, your first service day, and the start of your promotional campaign.