

## Best Practices

Here are some of the exciting things going on with Men's Ministry in the Western Territory that are drawing and engaging men in ministry:

### Cascade Division

#### **Gresham**

- ✓ Bowling - We have lunch and a devotion after church on Sunday and take the bus to the bowling alley. Some alley's will work with you on discounts for shoe and lanes.
- ✓ We have a football party the day of the Super Bowl. This pre-game event is done in time for everyone to get home in time for the big game. I went online and found a group that had videos for us to play about the team players and their Christian testimonies.
- ✓ We drive to camp, make a campfire and roasted hot dogs on a stick and made smores. While the fire was getting started we had a casual time of worship and a devotion. **This was everyone's favorite.**

#### **Twin Falls**

- ✓ In Twin Falls Idaho, we have a quarterly men's outing. Sometimes we do breakfast, sometimes we go fishing, but the activity usually changes by season. A small devotion given and prayer during some point of the day.

#### **McMinnville**

- ✓ In McMinnville, we meet the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM at the local Roth's. This is a breakfast, fellowship and devotion time. We are gathering ideas for an event to do once a quarter. Such as fishing locally and on the coast, golf, and maybe take in a sporting event.

#### **Springfield**

- ✓ Meet for a bible study the same time Women's Ministries meets.

#### **Coos Bay**

- ✓ Coos Bay Men's group meets on Monday nights from 6-8pm. We alternate meeting at the quarters and the Corps. When we meet at the Corps it is a work night + food & devotions. When we meet at the quarters we play pool, food, devotions.

### College for Officers Training (CFOT)

- ✓ At CFOT, they offer cell groups. These men's ministries can be very small in attendance, and specific in focus, but the result is greater overall participation by our men here. The range includes exercise groups, a group that meets at various area restaurants, and one that features gaming. They all include a devotional element, and some are very specifically focused on that component. Of the latter type of group, one focused as an example, on Blackaby's "Experiencing God". A small congregation could perhaps not offer as many choices, but a few could be offered, as a means of securing greater participation.

NOTE – This cell group idea is being embraced by the Territory for youth, young adult, women's and men's ministry groups by using the Redwoods material developed by the Youth Department. The concept is transferable to all age ranges and in some instances, can be used across generations.

From the Redwoods Booklet: *"A Redwood Group is a group of people who share a common interest or hobby and spend time talking about Jesus as they do that interest or hobby together. Redwood Groups create opportunities for members to learn from one other and can be leveraged to engage young adults in community, discipleship, and outreach, with the goal being life transformation."*

*The material shared with regards to Redwoods can be modified to fit any men's ministry group.*

## **Intermountain**

### **DHQ**

- ✓ Men's Monthly News Letter

### **Cheyenne**

- ✓ Have the men of the Corps show off their baking skills and sale the goodies for world service. Give a wooden spoon with the year on it as a prize for best tasting baked good. One-year Pork-N-Bread won first prize - YUM

## **Southern California**

### ***Tustin Ranch***

- ✓ At Tustin Ranch, we have a men's prayer breakfast hosted by Bandmaster Ed Freeman on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The breakfast is the best in Orange County and men come to share in fellowship, offer prayer requests personally or as an intercessor, and fervent prayer is offered. It is a highlight and priority for the men.

### ***Whittier***

- ✓ Hold a Saturday breakfast monthly or bimonthly depending on the men's availability.
- ✓ We often text or call each other to check in and to see how things are going.
- ✓ Another event we do every so often is our 'Nerf Night'. We invite children to bring their dad and play Nerf guns and it usually includes pizza and snacks. Though this ministry is not mainly advertised to Men it is still a ministry that we can get men interested in. We are using their own children to ask them to come instead of us asking them....children are much more convincing.

### ***LA County Mission Strategist***

- ✓ My best practice is very small groups (hubs) for discipleship and accountability using Infinitum ([Infinitumlife.com](http://Infinitumlife.com)).

### ***Santa Barbara***

- ✓ Men's Ministries Thursday Bible Study with a Fellowship Meal following at the Hospitability House
- ✓ Chaplain access M-F at Hospitability House. This has been helpful in resolving issues and problems.
- ✓ Events - 3 on 3 basketball tournament
- ✓ Whiffle ball tournaments
- ✓ Attended the movie - Rogue 1 - A Star Wars Story

Surprising them with special events was effective in fellowship and getting out the primary message that God loves men.

### ***Santa Monica***

- ✓ Men's bible study, which happens at our Bridge House each Tuesday. The group is currently going through Ephesians using the LifeGuide Bible study series materials by InterVarsity Press.
- ✓ We also have put together sports teams.
- ✓ Our heavy involvement with the ARC contributes greatly to our men's ministries.

## **Northwest**

### ***Seattle Temple***

- ✓ Men's group meets monthly to be physically and spiritually feed. It is called "Bible and Bacon with the Boys"

### **More Best Practices**

- ✓ Select a Sunday in the year and go early to a local campground or lake and do a worship service, then enjoy the remainder of the day.
- ✓ Host seminars and retreats on subjects like finances, time management, marriage and parenting.
- ✓ Annual chili cook-off.
- ✓ Offer family-focused, non-threatening activities like a father-son campout or daddy-daughter banquet.
- ✓ Offer weekend activities for single fathers and their children.
- ✓ Participate in a weekly men's ministry prayer group.
- ✓ Do automotive or lawn maintenance for widows, elderly and shut-ins.
- ✓ Serve meals at the soup kitchen
- ✓ Pack food boxes for distribution for those in need. Christmas and regular
- ✓ Assist with church building and grounds maintenance.
- ✓ Conduct an outreach Bible study in a nursing home or workplace.
- ✓ Implement a disaster-relief ministry.
- ✓ Provide lawn care for senior adults
- ✓ Handyman ministry
- ✓ Firewood ministry
- ✓ World Service Spaghetti Dinner or another fund raiser
- ✓ Parking Lot BBQ
- ✓ Work day at Camp
- ✓ Golf Tournament
- ✓ Sweetheart Date Night (Valentine Day)

Go on outings such as hiking, biking, soccer and softball