



**O'Fallon, IL – February 18th**

**Terre Haute, IN March 4th**

**Springfield, IL – March 18th**

**Champaign, IL April 8th**

**Distinctive #1 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conferences are a resource for local churches** offered by RPM, an on the ground grassroots local ministry that is already serving local churches by equipping them to reach, disciple and mobilize men. This is not a conference targeted to individual men but rather to local churches. RPM believes it is the responsibility of the local church to reach and disciple men and that RPM by hosting the conference is committing to serve the local churches all year long.

**Distinctive #2 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conferences give regional visibility to RPM** as we are a network of Ministries and not a national organization. RPM is an on the ground local ministry led by Tom Cheshire and Tom Gensler in full time vocational ministry, as the key to everything. These local leaders raise their families in the area, know the local turf and are passionate for their city, state and region. The conference is a **one-day** resource, but RPM's leadership is serving local churches **52 weeks** each year.

**Distinctive #3 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conferences** are equipping conferences with sixteen different equipping seminars designed specifically for men. The focus is on equipping and resourcing men to live for Christ in all areas of life. The seminar topics are rarely offered in the context of local church ministry. We do open and close the day with all the men together for a time of masculine worship and exhortative keynote messages from gifted national speakers - but **the meat of the day is the equipping seminars.**

**Distinctive #4 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conferences are for men of all ages (13 and up).** We intentionally offer a resource that promotes and encourages intergenerational ministry. We design many of the seminars to be specific to different men in different seasons of life. Seminars are targeted for **Emerging Men** (age 13-19); **Pioneering Men** (age 20-29); **Full Throttle Men** (age 30-55) and **Seasoned Men** (age 55+).

**Distinctive #5 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conferences are trustworthy.** They occur once a year - every year - in the same location and in the same spot in the calendar. They have become a local resource that local churches can trust and depend on. The **Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Equipping Conference** is a reliable resource that can be added to the calendar of the local church. An example is our conferences in O'Fallon, Springfield, Champaign & Terre Haute in 2017 will be the **Eleventh Consecutive Year** serving churches in Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri.

**Distinctive #6 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conferences are one-day conferences.** We begin at 8:30 AM and end at 4:55 PM. Men can begin their day at home and have dinner at the end of the day at home. The registration cost of **\$47** (groups of 10 or more) and **\$32** for students without extensive travel costs and no lodging costs allow this conference model to serve the majority of men.

**Distinctive #7 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conferences are Christ-Centered** and reach out to churches across denominations. We adhere to the statement of faith of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). The conference is intentionally a 'safe place' where denominational distinctives are not emphasized but rather an emphasis on the unity we have because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Distinctive #8 Iron Sharpens Iron is a "National" Men's Conferences.** One reason is that the conference network reaches out to churches all over the country. Another reason is that each conference features national ministries and resources that are specific to men and church based ministry to men. The other and more compelling reason is that the keynote speakers have a national platform with men and churches and that the seminar presenter line-up offers national leaders who have real expertise in ministry to men.