



## RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

### OFF THE BENCH!

For men who hold leadership positions at your church, as well as those who might one day step into leadership positions, RPM offers **Ignite Pathway** training. Over 150 men representing 45 churches have used this half-day training camp to become more effective pastors and ministry leaders.

Grace Bible Church in Florissant, Missouri, hosted Ignite Pathway in April. Here is what their men's ministry leader, Mark (BK) Eason, had to say about the training: "Ten of our men were present. Members of other churches brought the total up to about 45 people. It was a great time.

"We are doing a lot right at our church, but we're always looking for more tools to wake up the bench warmers—the men that come to church, but don't step out of their comfort zone and never get involved.

"Pastors weren't meant to do everything on their own. Men are needed to come alongside the pastor and help lead. That requires training.

"One of my favorite parts of the *Ignite Pathway* training was when we broke up into groups by church. There was a sense of urgency, a sense that we'd gotten something, and now had a structure that would make this ministry

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### CALENDAR

**July 14-16:**

#### **Fathering Adventure**

Little Galilee Christian Camp  
Three Oaks Lodge, Clinton, IL

**AUG 25:**

#### **Bob Brady/RPM Golf Classic.**

South Side Country Club  
Decatur, IL

**SEPT 19:**

#### **Leading Noble Men**

Pastors' Conference  
First United Methodist Church  
Springfield, IL

**NOV 4:**

#### **Ignite Pathway Training**

First United Methodist Church  
Springfield, IL

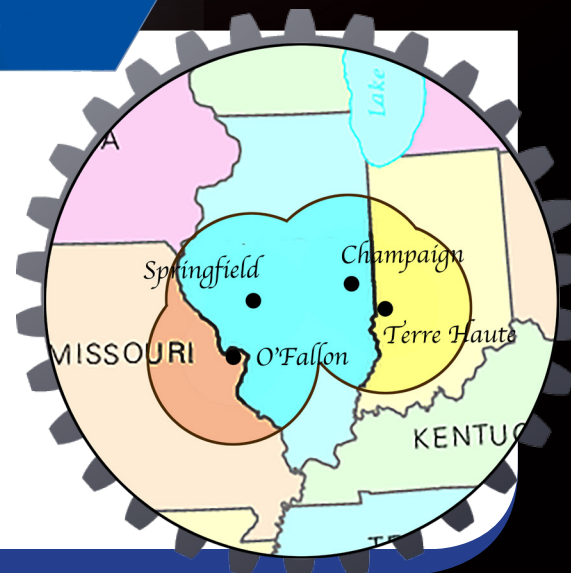
**NOV 18:**

**Ignite Pathway training**  
State Line Christian Church  
Paris, IL

### ISI 2017 WRAP-UP

Thank you for joining us at ***Iron Sharpens Iron 2017!*** 2500 men attended four ***Iron Sharpens Iron*** events sponsored by RPM this season, and 270 churches were represented. Praise God!

Figuring an average family size of 4.5 persons per attendee (self, wife, kids), 11,250 people were directly, positively affected in our territory—not to mention those caught by the ripple effect! Videos of the keynote speeches and every breakout session were purchased 150 times to be shared with men and groups that couldn't attend the conference.



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better and get more of our men to step into their rightful place in the church, the home, and in the community. We now have a plan—saturated in prayer, of course—that works."

See our calendar (other side) for the next Ignite Pathway training event, or offer to host an event at your own church. This half-day, four-session training provides a Biblical foundation and a solid game plan, along with specific steps and expert coaching to unapologetically move your men along the spiritual growth continuum.

More details are available at our website: [www.rpmfm.org](http://www.rpmfm.org)



## GENSLER'S CORNER



Father's Day is June 18 this year. Every card, tie, and small gift given will be appreciated! But I want to encourage you to also give the gift of encouragement.

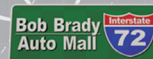
Men in our culture receive a lot of *discouragement*. They are often dismissed by popular culture as irrelevant. A few positive words recognizing your father or other mentor for the work he puts in and the responsibility he bears would be especially helpful.

Reflect on what this person has invested in your life, and thank him for it. Then go on to reaffirm who he is in the eyes of God. Men have been pressured to believe they should find their identity in a career and take pride in their sports team. But God designed men to live for Him, and make family their focus. If you've been honored to have such a man in your life, you've been given a great blessing!

Tom Gensler

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## DON'T PUT YOUR MINISTRY IN A BOX

In this age, myriad resources are available to aid in men's ministry and ministry in general. These can be useful, given that you choose wisely. I do want to caution you, though, against the idea that ministry can be found in a box—as if by purchasing a DVD set and workbooks you can check men's ministry off as done. It doesn't work that way. A robust strategy to engage the men of your church and equip them as disciples who will disciple others may incorporate such materials, but the real work is done through investments in time.

One lesson that I've learned over the years of working with ministry teams, is that the most effective way to reach and impact men for the glory of God is the individualized coaching that takes into account the needs of the individual as well as the individual church.

In other words, it's okay to use a box within your ministry, but you never want to put your ministry in a box.

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