



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

ISI CHAMPAIGN!

Pastor Léonce Crump is founder and senior pastor at Renovation Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and he sees the Lord accomplishing much there. Yet, he's taking time out to fly to Champaign, Illinois, a city he's never visited before, to speak at the RPM organized *Iron Sharpens Iron* conference this month.

"I've always had the desire to invest in men," Pastor Crump says. "Over the last several decades there has been a wholesale ignoring of the necessity of having men active in the church. Since our founding, Renovation Church has focused heavily on men, to raise up men who understand and can model what it means to be a Godly man. I'm coming to Champaign for that same reason."



"I intend to talk about what it means for men to leave a generational legacy; how we talk about that at every age and every stage of development."

"I think it is vital not that church neglect the ladies; they need to be empowered and released to bring their gifts, but the way the Lord ordered the home begins with a wise, invested, Godly man. So it is essential we turn unique and special attention to seeing men Biblically raised." *wp?*

"Honestly, I just want to honor the Lord with my life and work. I'm married, with three girls ^{and} one little boy."

You will ^{hear} ~~here~~ Pastor Crump's dynamic ^{and} message when he serves as keynote speaker at ISI Champaign.

Also ^{looking} ~~to look~~ forward to: Pastor Kenny Luck, the Leadership Pastor at Crossline Church in Laguna Hills, California, ISI Champaign's other keynote speaker. An expert in the field of men's issues, and formerly the Men's Pastor at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Luck is a prolific author with twenty-one books and many magazine articles to his name.



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LOWERING THE BAR OF DISCIPLESHIP



No, I'm not suggesting a lowering of standards, or a dumbing down of ^{the} process. It's just that the word "discipleship" has many connotations. It's an intimidating term to a lot of people, leading them to believe taking part in discipleship

requires you be a Bible scholar, or a seminary student. That is not the case.

I spoke at a men's gathering on this topic a few months ago. What we need is for men to understand that discipleship is accessible.

If you are a Bible ^{READING} following, Jesus believing person—if you're faithful to the Word and applying it to your life—you have the tools to take part in discipleship. In fact, you have the *command* to make disciples. You don't need letters after your name, or an official church title.

John Piper has written on this: that the idea of pastors as professionals has hurt the church. Look at the field of education: *This person has a degree, therefore only he or she is qualified to teach my children. An ordinary person can't do that.* That attitude has permeated the church, so we want to delegate teaching to the professionals, and sit passively in the pews. That's not what Christ taught.

What I am saying, is that you should prayerfully be in a life-on-life relationship with one or two ^{other} men.

I pose to men the need to follow First Corinthians 11:1. "*Imitate me as I imitate Christ.*" Accepting help with this, sharing the journey with others, is discipleship.

Yes, you should be confident in a discipleship role. But you need to be confident not in who you are, but in who Christ is.

Tom Cheshire

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I hope everyone is getting to at least one ISI event as the season winds down. RPM is committed to making these available here in the Midwest.

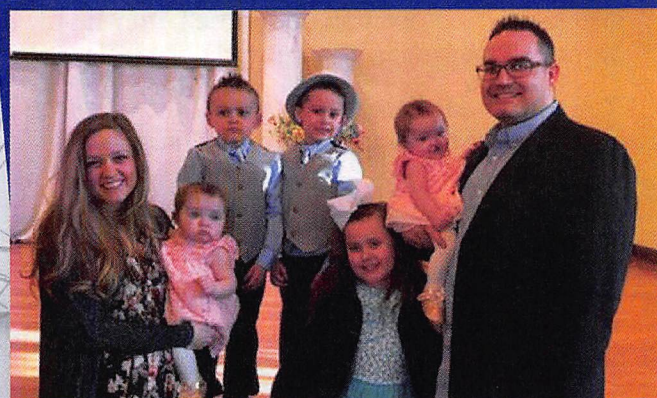
To update you on our family: We go this month to Chicago, for the surgery to correct Shiloh's cleft lip. We've been blessed throughout this whole process, and continue to praise God and pray for the physicians at each turn.

Our family as a whole is doing very well. We have settled back into most of our routines, including ~~the~~ home schooling.

Personally, the ISI conference season is always crazy busy. I preached a sunrise breakfast meeting the other day. Tonight I go to Champaign for an ISI meeting.

You may note the RPM calendar is missing this month. We purposely hold off on scheduling trainings for the year until ISI is in the books. If I'm not mistaken, that date is coming soon!

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