



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

FATHERING ADVENTURES

AT FULL CAPACITY!

We thank our Lord that the 5th annual Fathering Adventures weekend, to be held July 13-15, is sold out to full capacity. Forty fathers and their sons will be strengthening a relationship that is crucial to the growth of young men in Christ. That's what this weekend at Little Galilee Christian Camp is all about.

The facilities are beautiful and modern, and fun abounds—a fully outfitted lodge, zip line, giant swing, huge pool.... The team-building exercise, building floating rafts out of two-by-fours, wood, and tape is always a blast. But this is not an opportunity for fathers to talk sports and lawn care while their children remain otherwise occupied. It is an intentional bonding experience.

When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, God could be heard saying, "This my son, in whom I am well pleased." We want fathers to communicate this to their own sons at every opportunity. There is a war for the hearts and minds of our children, and fathers have to be purposeful in their spiritual leadership.

Our one father, one son format creates an ideal opportunity for bonding and critical conversations. We delve into three messages that set dads up to go deeper with their sons in conversation and relationship. We also provide an opportunity for fathers to affirm aloud the love they have for their sons in front of all.

Fathering Adventures weekend requires a time commitment on the part of our volunteer staff, and of course you don't host and feed this many active boys and men at a premier Christian camp all weekend without expense. RPM sees this as an investment, because it enriches the lives of Godly people and advances the Kingdom of Christ. Our camp will be full this year, praise God!

CALENDAR

JULY 13-15:

Fathering Adventures
Little Galilee Christian Camp
Clinton, IL

AUG 6-8:

National ISI Conference
Louisville, KY

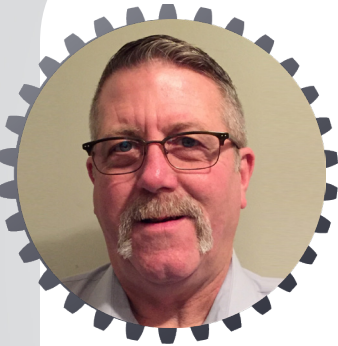
NOV 1:

Leading Noble Men
Springfield, IL



Fathering Adventures 2017

BRING THEM UP!



One thread that runs through our coaching, ignite training, and other activities with church leaders is an emphasis on the value of relational discipleship. As far as I can tell from scripture, this was

Jesus' primary model, and that of Paul as well. It says in 2 Timothy 2:2, *"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."*

It's about walking alongside another brother in the messiness of life, and helping them to benefit from the application of biblical principles. The Bible does have the answers, but it isn't always easy to discern them. The Bible doesn't have the answer to every question in life, but it is the Truth, and using that Truth as we walk together with another brother we can find answers and solutions to the hardness of life. The chain that is created—of men investing in men who invest in other men—is *by no means* limited to church leaders, as I have related in the past. But our experience suggests it is highly valuable if the pastor and a few key men of the church intentionally model discipleship for the congregation.

This is a challenge for pastors, who will find it pushes against their time constraints. My response is, go back to the Old Testament, where Jethro admonishes Moses, telling him he can't do it all alone, he needs other men. Yes, you are busy, but if you don't invest in other men, you are going to wear yourself out.

Tom Cheshire

GENSLER'S CORNER



RPM is involved with churches all around the Midwest. We've consulted with congregations of thousands and congregations of 50-100. Common themes to success regardless of the size of the church have revealed themselves.

For example...every church asks some form of this question: How do we awaken the men within our church and get them engaged spiritually? We respond with a proven three part plan:

1. A FREE church evaluation...during this face to face meeting we travel to the church anywhere in the Midwest and carefully listen to church staff and lay leadership to help clarify their goals and challenges.
2. Create a custom plan to help churches and pastors win. We've found that quarterly live coaching with a lay leader and team is very effective. RPM has developed an ecosystem that demonstrates to churches how our Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference is not just a one day event, but a part of a 12 month plan to engage men and move them into properly planned next steps to growth. Our Ignite Pathway leadership training unites a church's leadership team behind the vision and mission of the local church.
3. See men taking steps toward spiritual maturity. Creating momentum within ministry to men is slow. We've been asked for a 6 week plan to change, and honestly, it doesn't exist. The plan we propose takes 3-5 years. Yes, a church will see things happening within men quickly, but to develop a plan that takes every man into account is vast and robust.

Tom Gensler

Your support of RPM actively encourages and assists local church pastors. Your prayers and financial contributions make this ministry possible. Together, we are RPM!



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