



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

IRON SHARPENS IRON 2019!

O'FALLON

RPM's first Iron Sharpens Iron conference in 2019 takes place in O'Fallon. Speaking that morning is Rod Cooper, whose impressive biography is summarized below this article. JP Jones, senior pastor



JP Jones



Rod Cooper

of Crossline Community Church in Laguna Hills, California, will speak in the afternoon. "I look forward to speaking in O'Fallon," Jones says. "Every man is on a spiritual journey, and this will let me reach men ranging from seekers to mature men in Christ."

"I will be speaking that day on 'Facing Your Goliaths,' drawing from that story in first Samuel. The Israelites were looking at Goliath and seeing someone huge, and they were looking at God and seeing someone small. David flipped that paradigm, seeing how small Goliath was compared to God.

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TERRE HAUTE

Along with Pastor Jamaal Williams, Pastor Steve Coble will speak March 9, in Terre Haute, Indiana. This engagement is a little different for the teaching pastor, a native of Indianapolis, in that he



Steve Coble



Jamaal Williams

sees it as a homecoming of sorts.

"In Chicagoland I minister to a lot of men who come from Midwest towns, and now I'll be able to speak to their fathers and brothers about getting on fire for the Lord. I might shoot over and take some time to reconnect with family and friends while I'm there."

The importance of family is a key part of Coble's ministry. He is on the board of an organization that comes alongside fatherless children. "My dad passed away when I was four," he says. "For

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ISI 2019 SCHEDULE

O'FALLON, IL

February 23, 2019

First Baptist Church

Speakers: JP Jones
Rod Cooper

TERRE HAUTE, IN

March 9, 2019

Maryland Community Church

Speakers: Jamaal Williams
Steve Coble

SPRINGFIELD, IL

March 23, 2019

First United Methodist

Speakers: Bruce Fong
Kempton Turner

CHAMPAIGN, IL

April 6, 2019

New Horizon Church

Speakers: Jeff Struecker
Phil Downer

O'FALLON (CONT.)

"We all have struggles and challenges, and just like David we need to keep our focus on God, not the enemy. I want to equip men to believe what God says, that the battle belongs to the Lord, so that they can run with the ball and be victorious."

A pastor foremost, but a 'missionary at heart,' Jones has traveled all over the world, and he won't be flying home at the end of this conference—he's headed next to Haiti. "I'm helping to train 1500 pastors there. It's really an extension of what I do at home, which is to encourage and equip people to take that next step closer to Jesus."

Rod Cooper is currently the Professor of Discipleship and Leadership Development at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. From 1995-1997, Dr. Cooper served as the National Director of Promise Keepers. He has spoken at the Pentagon. Dr. Cooper served as chaplain for the Houston Oilers and the Houston Astros franchises.

JP Jones is an author and the founding Senior Pastor of Crossline Community Church in Laguna Hills, CA. Beginning as a home Bible Study of 16 people, Crossline has grown to a congregation of over 2,000 in seven years with 1,300 of them being new believers making public decisions for Christ. Pastor Jones has the philosophy that if you reach a man then you reach his whole family.

TERRE HAUTE (CONT.)

me, coming to faith was interwoven with that."

"I think as the leadership of the family goes, so goes the family. If we're handling our business as men, there is a direct outflow to impacting other people in our community."

Coble encourages men to attend events like ISI. "It's a great opportunity to get out of routine and focus on what's most important to your own flourishing."

"Being relationally connected as leaders, the importance of community, deep-level relationships with other men—these are unique and important things for men of all generations, yet we don't talk about them enough."

"In Terre Haute, I will be focusing on humility—how that affects leadership. I define humility as being willing to lay down your own rights for the benefit of others, and it is integral to spiritual development."

Jamaal Williams is the Lead Pastor of Sojourn Midtown in Louisville, KY. He has an M.A. in Church Ministries and is pursuing a Doctorate of Educational Ministry in Black Church Leadership from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Steve Coble received his Master of Divinity degree at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently a Teaching Pastor at Park Community Church in Chicago, Illinois where he helps lead the teaching ministry for 9 locations while he pursues his PhD in historical theology.

After much work and prayer, we are excited to present our ISI 2019 roster! We ask God to bless this fantastic opportunity to strengthen men in Christ! We want to urge you to join us at one or more of these events to connect, and re-connect with knowledgeable, mature men in Christ and worship enthusiastically.



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