



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

LOCAL REGIONAL NATIONAL RPM IMPACT 2019

The Vision remains the same: RPM as a resource to the local church in the area of men's ministry, specifically men's discipleship. The reach is increasing: Now authors of a well-received book on discipleship, RPM's own Tom Cheshire and Tom Gensler continue to sow the seeds. Since 2007, 25,000 men in the Midwest have felt the impact of attending an Iron Sharpens Iron conference. The bullet points below highlight some of what RPM has accomplished in 2019:

- Tom C. and Tom G. personally trained 120 Men in their seminar entitled: **"Six Proven Factors To Engage & Sustain Your Men's Ministry."**
- From the offering at our ISI Conferences, RPM sent 6 pastors and their wives on a restorative 2 day retreat.
- This year alone saw 50 pastors/leaders attend our **Ignite Men's Ministry Training**.
- Through **Church Coaching** we have consulted face to face with 20 churches to assist them in the efforts to reach more men. We maintain six ongoing quarterly coaching relationships with churches around the Midwest.
- Fathering Adventures was at MAX capacity this year and every year for the past 5 years.
- 52 **Manhood Minute** broadcasts were aired on radio.
- Tom C. and Tom G. meet with men regularly in their local communities for discipleship and ongoing spiritual growth.
- The release of RPM's first book, **"Real-Life Discipleship"** in paperback, Kindle, Google, Apple, and Audible.
- Tom C. and Tom G. keynoted at the **Bold Men's Conference** to equip over 150 men on Real-Life Discipleship. Every man in attendance received a copy of "Real-Life Discipleship."
- RPM hosted and led our 3rd **Leadership Conference** which had the highest attendance ever to train pastors and leaders from around the Midwest.

I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And will glorify Your name forever. Psalm 86:12

CALENDAR

**NAT. COALITION OF
MEN'S MINISTRY**
COMPLETED!

October 22-23

Dallas, TX

LEADING NOBLE MEN

November 7

1st United Methodist
Church
Springfield IL

Keynote: Randy Pope

IRON SHARPENS IRON 2020


O'FALLON, IL 2/22/20

TERRE HAUTE, IN 3/7/20

SPRINGFIELD, IL 3/21/20

CHAMPAIGN, IL 4/4/20

GENSLER'S CORNER



The list of works in our main article includes "Tom C. and Tom G. meet with men regularly in their local communities for discipleship and ongoing growth." I want to make two points here: One, that this isn't a one-sided process. We disciple, and we are disciplined. And two, we don't take part in discipleship because we are RPM, but because it is the desire of the Lord for every man, and being attached to a busy ministry does not supersede that. We have to live authentic Godly lives, or none of it means anything.

To show the impact of discipleship, I want to share a few words from a man I am currently discipling. Dustin offers this:

"I've been in and out of church. Recently I felt strongly led back, and that's when I heard Tom Gensler teaching at a men's breakout event. I spoke to him and committed to the time and effort it takes to be disciplined. I've had ups and downs. I've been to prison and had addiction issues. Now, I am engaged to be married, and it is so important to recognize the way I've done things in the past wasn't working! I depend on advice, encouragement and prayer as I move forward. Tom keeps me rooted in the Word, reminds me to ask God for help—when you ask for help God will move in your life; I am seeing that."

Amen!



OUT OF THE RUBBLE

I believe men's ministry is one of the toughest areas to work in. It isn't all high fives and puppy dogs, that's for sure. Men are often stubborn and intractable, yet impatient to see results, whatever the endeavor. Ministering to them takes a lot of persistence: It's a "two steps forward, one step back" proposition.

Once a man gets his heart right though, we see the rewards. Marriages are restored, families and churches benefit as God takes that hardheadedness and applies it to His own ends.

I am nothing if not a case in point. Despite what I knew in my heart, I had to forge ahead and make a significant mess of my life before I allowed God to take the lead. Only when I found myself in a pile of broken concrete and re-bar did I become receptive. Out of that rubble, our great Lord created the ministry Tom G. and I are asking you to support.

No, men's ministry is not an overly fruitful or easy area to work in, but it is a vital one. There are other men standing in the rubble right now, or heading down that path. They have families that depend on them, and they have great potential in the Kingdom of God if only we do our part.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. John 1:9

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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