

Iron Sharpens Iron ~ Springfield/Decatur, IL

Ministry Needs

Over the past month we have been blessed by nearly 600 men attending our two ISI conferences! Although we are encouraged, we know the pandemic is still impacting RPM in significant ways. The fixed cost of operating monthly still exist and though we have reduced spending in every conceivable area, we still find ourselves with a shortfall.

We have set a goal to raise \$4,500 in April and May.

Will you prayerfully consider partnering with us to close the gap? We have enclosed an offering card to collect information for your tax deductible gift.

Congratulations Creve Coeur Christian Church!

Vince Crook & Ryan Widmer
2021 Mike Sheeley Men's Ministry Award
Springfield, IL Conference



I strongly want to say "HALLELUJAH"!

- Larry E

Great, powerful, inspiring event.

- Brad D

Conference Sponsor Kids Outdoor Zone's
Rick Magee with attendee Doug Meyer



A special THANK YOU to Tabernacle Baptist Church, Pastor Carlton Binkley, Pastor Chris Merritt, Pastor Chris Gregg, Andy Moore, and Conference Coordinator John Swinford, and the whole team for another amazing Iron Sharpens Iron and all the hard work involved! Many blessings to you!



Men eager to learn about
"Real Life Discipleship"



Volunteers
Tim Becke & Joe Kuhlman



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

Scorched or Bearing Fruit?

We close the 2021 Spring chapter of our Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI) conferences strong, with our Springfield event held in Decatur on March 20th. 2020 was a hard year in many ways for all of us. For some it literally scorched you, for some you came through it actually thriving.

The design for the ISI has always been to equip and encourage the men who attend. This year we are putting a strong emphasis on the encourage aspect. I shared a passage from Jeremiah 17:5-8 at the conference and would like to expound on that.

It says cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. Many were scorched in 2020 and found themselves like the shrub in verse 6. They found themselves isolated, alone, separated from God, in a desert, and in an uninhabited salt land. They found pulling themselves up by their own bootstraps left them exhausted and thirsty.

Those who came through 2020 thriving are like the man we see in verse 7, blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose trust IS the Lord. They didn't rely on their own strength. They are rooted in the living water, God's word. They found their strength in the Lord and they found their strength IS the Lord. Verse 8 says that man is like a tree planted by a stream, and it doesn't fear the heat, he is not anxious in the year of the drought! No, this man's leaves are green and he bears fruit!



Men as we continue to navigate 2021, plant yourself in the Word of God, find your strength in the Lord, know your strength IS the Lord. Regardless of where you found yourself coming out of 2020, ask God to give you the desire to know Him more, then you to will weather whatever the world dishes out and even bear fruit, that will glorify God!

Tom Cheshire - Executive Director, RPM

FREE RPM RESOURCES

Coming up...

Terre Haute ISI - 3.6.2021

Springfield ISI - 3.20.2021

O'Fallon ISI - 9.11.2021

Champaign ISI - 9.25.2021



Men's Ministry
Training

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from your Iron Sharpens Iron experience by
developing a plan to have strong Men's
Ministry in your church this year!



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