

Igniting an Effective Men's Ministry in Your Church

Our churches have a 'man problem': fewer men attend church and those who do are often less committed and involved. In this workshop we will explore specific approaches focused on addressing some of the underlying issues, and think strategically about how to encourage a 'whole church' response. Our main focus will be practical: how to ignite and sustain a men's ministry that will enable Christian men to flourish in the Gospel.

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1. The Problem: Men

A. The gender gap: nature and causes

B. The commitment gap

C. The cultural gap

2. Some solutions: Men

Do these patterns ring true in your church setting?

What local cultural factors apply in your case?

What could you do in your situation to address these issues?

What are the blockages locally to taking effective action?

What resources would you need to address this further?

3. The Plan: Men

A. Vision and leadership

B. Whole Church sign up

