

Why a Men's Ministry?

It can be difficult for men to develop personal relationships with other men. Our culture of individualism and competition makes it hard to interact comfortably. Joking and sarcasm come more easily than engaging in conversation - especially when it involves our private feelings.

We need to be in a comfortable environment to share our spiritual journeys and inner thoughts with others.

That safe feeling only comes when we learn to trust the men in our group. Trust develops over time spent in service together doing what God has given us to do.

We may be cooking pancakes on Shrove Tuesday or burgers for a Pentecost picnic, working on a Habitat house or painting the church. When we sit together in Bible study or worship, we find a comfortable place to discuss our concerns and our feelings.

A men's ministry meeting is the perfect setting to foster the trust for your spiritual journey in a community or a small group.

Meetings may involve breakfast, study of scripture and meaningful discussion.

Whatever format the group uses, they endeavor to engage men in a comfortable and productive manner.

Our 21st century challenge

As society has evolved, the "I'll do it my way" mentality has caused individuals to shy away from traditional institutions and groups. Clergy must take the leadership role of inspiring church members in the benefits of groups and their activities.

Support your men's group and encourage them to become part of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

If you don't have a group or chapter, choose a leader or several productive church members and work with them to build a productive and supportive chapter.

Each man and the whole congregation will benefit from their contributions.

We stand ready to help get you moving in this direction.

Building a safe, caring community that nurtures and supports men on their spiritual journey.



DEAR CLERGY, EMBRACE MEN'S MINISTRIES WITH THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

**"Follow me and I will make you
fishers of men"**



Facts On Men and The Church

Attendance of men in churches continues to decline.

Many young men today were raised in homes without a male role model. A typical circle of close male friends often numbers fewer than five.

Men are searching for guidance and mentors in their faith journey.

Men in churches struggle with issues of alcohol, addiction, and marital strife.

Men need a safe environment to explore their spiritual horizons.

Of Gen X men, less than 15 percent profess a faith in Christ.



Our mission is to bring men and youth to Christ

Our Disciplines

THE DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER

is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and youth and for God's blessing upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDY

is to study the Holy Scriptures regularly and the teachings of the church to gain a better understanding of how to follow Christ and bring others into his Kingdom.

THE DISCIPLINE OF SERVICE

is to make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through His church.



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew provides opportunities and resources

A group of men bonding together for worship, study and service is an important asset to any congregation.

As a leader of your church, you can encourage your men's group to use the model with a proven track record in the church for nearly 150 years.

It began with a simple fisherman who was compelled to abandon the only life he knew to follow an itinerant preacher but only after convincing his brother to "come and see." They were soon joined by ten other dedicated men to form a brotherhood of disciples.

This, my friend, is the heritage upon which the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was formed.

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