

CAT HERDING A FEW IDEAS ABOUT LEADING MEN

All group resources at:
MannaKC.com/mentoring



How this works

- This runs September-May with a graduation “party” in June.
- You should allow three hours in your schedule for each meeting, though you are not obligated to meet that long. This will prevent “double booking.”
- Kickoff is Monday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.
- Rick and I will assign members to your groups ahead of time.
- At the kickoff, Rick and I will give a brief intro, then you will meet with your group in an introductory session, pray and lay out expectations.
- All curriculum and instructions, for leaders and group members, are at MannaKC.com/mentoring
- Set a recurring meeting time for the whole year at your first meeting, then follow up with everyone to make sure it will work; adapt as necessary
- My role is to pray for you and serve you with anything you need. I will be communicating with and encouraging you throughout the year.
- Contact me anytime: roy@royharryman.com or 816.838.3915.

Stuff and things

- Who is a leader/mentor who has made a significant difference in your life?
- What did they do and how did they live that stood out to you?
- What is the key to becoming a person of spiritual influence in the lives of others?
- What does it mean to “abide in Christ?”
- What makes Christianity different from other world religions?
- Jesus did not command us to, “Go therefore and have meetings.” He commanded us to “make followers.” What’s the difference?
- How do we “make followers” of Jesus?

“I am the vine itself, you are the branches. It is the man who shares my life and whose life I share who proves fruitful. For the plain fact is that apart from me you can do nothing at all.” – John 15:5 b.

“He appointed twelve **that they might be with him and that he might send them out** to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.”
– Mark 3:14-15

Disciple making in this context =

- Teaching: I instruct through guiding a discussion, not doing formal teaching.
- Modeling: You see me model the truth inside and outside of church.
- Sending: It's your turn! You do _____ (whatever it is).

Making it practical

- Text everyone weekly; find out what their prayer needs are and follow up on the requests.
- Remind them of assignments and meeting dates.
- Learn their birthdays and anniversaries, record those dates, then contact them on those important dates.
- Meet each member of your group outside the group at least once during the course of the year. Meet for breakfast or lunch, have them over, etc.
- Pray for them every day.
- Send them an actual paper note in the mail that says "praying for you" etc.

How to lead a discussion

- Statements are like sledgehammers, shutting down discussion.
- Questions are like crowbars, prying loose what's inside. *Use the crowbar.*

"You're attitude toward your boss is wrong."

vs.

"How do you think you should relate to your boss, even though he's difficult?"

"The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out."

– Proverbs 20:5

- In your experience, what are the keys to effectively leading a discussion?
- What role does planning play in effectively leading a discussion?
- What hinders an effective discussion?
- What should you do if (1) somebody talks too much (2) somebody won't talk at all?
- What if someone says something half-baked? How should we respond?
- How can you affirm or "amen" excellent insights that people share?

Basic rules of leading meetings

- Start on time
- Finish on time (you don't have to leave or send everyone home when you're done; but finish the "official" agenda on time so people are free to leave if they want/need to do so.)
- Meet at a home instead of church or a restaurant if possible; this is more personal and even disarming.
- **Begin** the time with prayer so you don't run out of time:

"Hey, before we get going here, any prayer needs we can lift up?"

Manage this time and don't let it turn into counseling, gossip or an "organ recital."