

M4M: Missions4Men



A strategy for
engaging men in
Missions

KentuckyWMU

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Each church's Missions 4 Men's group will be unique to the congregation. There will be some aspects of your ministry that will look like other groups, and we encourage men's groups in your area to get together for times of fellowship, worship, and ministry. But don't be held back from doing what God is directing you to do because no one else is doing it.

An important part of Missions 4 Men is to make disciples of the generations behind us. It is our God-given task to challenge and help boys, teens, and young adult men, to become On Mission Christians even as we develop our own mission skills and calling. Even if you are not the one to lead a group for these age ranges, you can pray for and support those whom God has called to this ministry. We need men to guide our young boys and teen in the development of an On Mission lifestyle. Are you one of those called to such a mission and ministry???

We are here to help you, please feel free to contact us. We are praying for you and your men. Our prayer is that we all will be men God can use to further His Kingdom.

For assistance in beginning or strengthening your group contact:



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SUCCESSFUL MISSIONS 4 MEN

Missions 4 Men is the process of joining God where He is at work in the lives of the men in your church.

There is no cookie cutter approach to how to do men's work in your church. It is an ongoing process of taking men where they are in their walk with the Lord and helping them move closer to Him.

It involves bringing men to salvation, church membership, growing spiritually, equipping men for ministry, and helping men to be on mission, as well as mentoring the next generations.

We have developed a 4-legged stool approach for leading a Missions 4 Men program. The legs of the stool are: Personal Growth, Missions Discipleship, Compassion Ministries, and Leadership Development. A more detailed explanation of the 4 legs is included.



Suggested steps in starting a Successful Missions 4 Men in your church

STEP 1: PRAY

Before you put anything down on paper, before you meet with anyone else, before you plan the first meeting... PRAY.... Any men's group that is not a praying group is headed for defeat from the start. Your strength, your direction, your vision will come only after you spend time in prayer. Become a praying group of men and the activity will come.

STEP 2: MEET WITH YOUR PASTOR

The strongest step you can take apart from praying is getting the support and backing from your pastor. The churches which have the most successful men's group have the pastor right in the middle of all the activities and planning. Your men's ministry needs to be an official part of your local church structure, needs to have a line item in the budget, and be accountable to the church.

STEP THREE: GET A COPY OF SOME RESOURCES TO HELP YOU GET STARTED

There are other wonderful discipleship and growth materials available to help men become On Mission Christians, such as [Experiencing God](#) and [The Man God Uses](#) by Henry Blackaby; [The Man in the Mirror](#) by Patrick Morley. There is a plethora of resources for ongoing group studies.

STEP FOUR: TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR CHURCH.

Take some time to look at your church closely. Where has God placed you? What has been the pattern of His activity in the past, where do you see God moving where you are now and how do these line up? What are the Spiritual Markers for your church? This will give you a great direction in which to begin to develop your men in being On Mission with God.

STEP FIVE: START SMALL

Remember Kingdom work is like yeast. We tend to want everything yesterday. Start by having your men meet and let the group grow into the men the church needs them to be. Your ministry will expand as the men grow in their relationship with the Lord and desire to become more involved in God's invitations. Men will respond to God's call, and they will stay long at the work if it comes from Him and not from men.

LEG 1

PERSONAL GROWTH

Our Christian walk is the lifeblood of our faith. Maybe you have heard this saying “you are as close to Jesus as you want to be.” Do you find that to be true in your relationship with Christ? Part of being a Christian is to understand that discipleship is a lifelong journey. No one else has the responsibility for our walk with Christ. Each of us have the responsibility to navigate our own spiritual journey.

MISSIONS DISCIPLESHIP

Missions Discipleship strengthens a Biblical worldview as we strive to live like Christ and serve Him in our own communities, culture, and context. Missions discipleship empowers us to become witnesses in our world. When we explore current missions efforts around the world, dive into the biblical mandate for missions, and become personally involved, we clearly see our responsibility to take the gospel to the nations.

LEG 2

COMPASSION MINISTRIES

We strengthen our fellowship with one another as we learn together and challenge one another to strive to live like Christ and serve Him in our own communities, culture, and context. In Matthew 9, Jesus says “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few”. Will we live our lives with Gospel readiness and with our “yes” on the table saying, “Here am I, send me!” Missions Discipleship involves our praying, giving, going, and engaging in the mission.

How do we engage the world with the story of the Gospel? By meeting both the physical and spiritual needs in the community where we live, as well as partner with missionaries around the globe to meet basic human needs which aids us in sharing the Gospel.

LEG 3

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Each of us were uniquely created and equipped by God for service. We have the responsibility to develop the leadership qualities in others. Leadership should be multiplying by nature. It is characterized by a system of doers, equippers, and multipliers.

LEG 4

RESOURCES

EVENTS

KentuckyWMU hosts yearly Missions4Men Rallies. These offer a great opportunity to gather your men from your church and focus them on the Great Commission with other like-minded men from across the state. Learn More on our website: Kywmu.org/m4mrallies

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- An excellent resource to help you get started is Drawing Men to God, compiled by Sid Woodruff and available from Amazon.
- Missions for Life from National WMU is also a wonderful missional resource. You can order it from WMUSTORE.COM

ORGANIZATIONS

Your Association's Director of Missions:

For a list of those go to: kybaptist.org/associations

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There are many other resources available to help you work with the men in your church. If you want more information, you can contact the KYWMU at 502.489.3451



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WE ARE YOUR MISSIONS RESOURCE

KentuckyWMU engages disciples of Jesus on mission in Kentucky and throughout the world by connecting Christfollowers with tools and opportunities to obediently engage in God's mission.

HERE'S HOW WE CAN WALK BESIDE YOU ON YOUR NEXT MISSIONAL STEPS



EQUIP FOR MISSIONS

We offer options for all ages through small groups. Each missions group has tailored curriculum that:

- is age-appropriate
- is easy-to-follow
- fosters a heart for missions & helps preschoolers through adults to be on mission daily.



SUPPORT THE MISSION

We offer you opportunities to support the missional efforts of other Christfollowers in your own community (EBO), on your continent (Annie Armstrong), and throughout the world (Lottie Moon) both through prayer and generosity at NO COST TO YOU



GO ON MISSION

We schedule events and programs that encourage personal growth while focusing on doing missions both at home and around the globe. More info about several of our quality, annual events can be found on our website

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