

MAN TO MAN

“Man to Man” Small Group

God did not design us to go through this life alone. Proverbs 27:17 says, “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” We see this principle at work in the way Jesus sharpened His disciples from ordinary fishermen into powerful ministers of the Gospel. As He walked in very intentional relationship with His disciples, they were transformed. And they changed the world in a radical way. Following the example of Jesus, you, too, can change your world by intentionally walking in a mentoring relationship with a few other men. Your investment in others can make a big difference!

A few notes about mentorship we see reflected in the life of Jesus:

- **Mentoring is easy. It can be done anytime, anywhere.**

Jesus simply walked through life with a few men and demonstrated what relationship with the Father looked like.

- **Mentoring is relational. It can include your existing relationships and center around your passions or profession.**

Jesus’ group of disciples included both men He’d known since childhood and others He met as He began His ministry. Some of their most meaningful conversations were shared over a meal or while traveling.

- **Mentoring is effective! Life change happens in the context of relationships.**

Think about Peter’s journey from fisherman to apostle. His close relationship with Jesus challenged him, refined him, solidified his faith, helped him discover his purpose, and prepared him for a life of impact. A once weak, doubt-filled man became the rock upon which Jesus built His Church. Mentoring can change the world.

Jesus approached His mentoring relationships in a simple way. He just invited a few men to come and walk with Him. When they responded and agreed to follow Him, He became very intentional about pouring into their lives.

You can do this, too. In fact, you probably already know a few men who would want to walk with you, if you asked. This “Man to Man” Small Group curriculum is a great, practical way to get started in mentoring. It will give you some tools to make it easy for you to pour into your group and help them grow. And you’ll see that as the men around you become sharper, you’ll be strengthened as well. It’s going to be a great semester. Let’s get started!

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

