

Berean Baptist Church Men's Ministry  
*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation.*

***Mission Statement:***

Our Men's Ministry exists to glorify God by equipping men in their devotion to Jesus Christ resulting in biblical fellowship, Christ-like leadership, sanctifying accountability, and being effective witnesses of the gospel.

***Defining Principles***

**1) Cultivating True Biblical Fellowship**

True biblical fellowship is participating together in the life and truth made possible by the Holy Spirit through our union with Christ; the sharing of something in common on the deepest level of human relationship – our experience of God himself. If we have superficial relationships with other Christian men, it is because we fail to center our relationships in Christ and his gospel. Therefore, we center our meetings, events, and gatherings on Christ and his gospel.

**2) Teaching and Equipping Men for Christ-like Leadership and Biblical Manhood**

Mature masculinity recognizes the God-given calling and responsibility of men to lead in the church and home, to provide for and protect women, and train children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Through God's empowering grace, we encourage and equip our men to mature in Christ-like leadership and biblical manhood.

**3) Encouraging and Facilitating Sanctifying Accountability Between Men**

Scripture states that our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked. We easily justify or ignore our own sinful behavior. Scripture also teaches that the Christian life is inescapably corporate. Yet ironically, we tend to isolate ourselves and attempt to conquer sin on our own. What we truly need is the loving help of fellow Christian men, as God's refining instruments in the pursuit of sanctification. Therefore, we facilitate the establishment of small accountability groups and encourage all Berean men to participate in them.

**4) Equipping Men to be Witnesses of the Gospel**

Before the Lord ascended into glory, He gave His disciples a final commission to be His witnesses to this world. In Acts 1:8 He promised that He would send the Holy Spirit in order to give us the power that we need to accomplish this task. Therefore, we encourage and equip men to recognize and pursue opportunities to share the gospel, both in their immediate circles of influence and beyond.

***Practical Application***

**1) Cultivating true biblical fellowship will include:**

- Regular opportunities for worshipping God through prayer, singing, testimonies of praise and biblical instruction.
- Periodic opportunities for extended fellowship through retreats and conferences

**2) Teaching and equipping men for Christ-like leadership and biblical manhood will include:**

- Biblical instruction particular to the areas of leadership in the home and church, how to use our spiritual gifts to the glory of God
- Biblical instruction in practical Christian living (e.g., relationships, stewardship, evangelism, benevolence, discipline, common struggles)
- Practical insight by special speakers (those inside and outside of BBC), sharing testimonials of the Christ at work in their everyday experiences (e.g., death of a spouse, abandonment/disappointment, loss of a job, a long and faithful marriage, victory over sin, restoration of a relationship, discipline of a strong-willed child).

**3) Encouraging sanctifying accountability between men will include:**

- Confession
- Prayer
- Biblical reproof, correction, and training in righteousness
- Spurring one another on to love and good deeds
- Bearing each other's burdens

**4) Equipping men to be witnesses of the Gospel will include:**

- Biblical and theological instruction to strengthen, encourage, and direct evangelism.
- Multifaceted evangelistic workshops, training, and materials.
- Outreach opportunities for men to plug into.