

ASPIRE 2012-13
Practical Tools to Address Current Needs
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Content

Defining and Rejecting Friendship With the World

Joshua series discussion questions

The Hole in Our Holiness, Kevin DeYoung

Mortification of Sin, John Owen

“Act the Miracle” – selected messages from the 2012 Desiring God National Conference

Two Cities: a Matthias Media study on Isaiah

The Path to Godliness: a Matthias Media study on Titus

Community: Why we need each other and making room.

Gospel-Centered Discipleship, Jonathan Dodson

Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Missional Communities and Their Role in Church Planting” by Jeff Vanderstelt, (mp3)

Located at: www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/conference-messages/missional-communities-and-their-role-in-church-planting

Loving Jesus: The Greater Affection

The Glory of Christ, John Owen

The Prodigal God, Timothy Keller

The Blazing Center, John Piper (DVD and study guide)

Jesus + Nothing = Everything, Tullian Tchividjan

A Life Integrated with Mission: A Greater Purpose

To Be An Ambassador (Sundays, 8:30-9:45am starting January 27th)

Gospel in Life, Timothy Keller (DVD and Book)

Radical, David Platt

The Art of Neighboring, Dave Runyon

Practical Tools for a Balanced Life

Cheating the Thief – Spring Training for Men 2008

Father Hunger, Douglas Wilson

Counterfeit Gods, Timothy Keller

The Good Living Guide: A Matthias Media study on Matthew 5:1-12 (9 weeks)

Leadership: Roles and Responsibilities

Spiritual Leadership, Oswald Sanders

The Trellis and the Vine, Colin Marshal and Tony Payne

Context

WHAT	WHY
Men's Retreat	Answer the questions; "What is 'friendship with the world'? Why is it dangerous? How do we see it and live differently?"
Spring Training	Broaden community to include the perspective/counsel of older men.
LTGs	Implemented correctly: LTGs can get to the root of the idolatry that causes the craziness and
DTeam	Stimulate discussion/ideas, unite to do good (serve together), train new leaders.
Neighborhood Ministry	Makes an issue of integrating life.
LTC	Some conversations are happening here already – invite all men to participate.

Other Tools

Database

- Better communication (integrate with Google calendars, other ideas...)
- More effective assimilation

Delegate and Disciple

"More time with less people = greater kingdom impact"

Discipleship Team Health Assessment

Discern the particulars in your ministry.

Emotional Health Inventory (by Peter Scazzero) - emotionallyhealthy.org/pdf/EHSAAssessmentTool.pdf

Identifies specifics that provides an objective start to conversations.

Prepare-Enrich Survey

Helps couples sort out stresses in life – redirects marriage to a place of support.