



# IDEA SHEET

## Men's Ministry

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### Men's Retreat Theme Ideas

- **The Challenge: Fear Not, Stand Firm.** This theme idea comes from the passage in Exodus 14:13 when Moses assures his people that they will see God's salvation from Pharaoh. This theme focuses on challenging men to encourage their families in ways of righteousness and godliness in an age of Pharaoh's attacks.
- **The Lord Goes Before You Always.** This theme centers on the passage in Deuteronomy 9:1-3, which discusses that God will go before His people as a consuming fire.
- **Be Joshua: Lead Your People.** Coming from the first chapter of Joshua, this theme will center on the idea that your men are called to lead not only their immediate families, but also their church family. Their leadership is vital and their strength is found in God.
- **Spiritual Battle: Do Not Lower the Lance.** This theme focuses on an idea found in Joshua 8:18-19. In this passage, God tells Joshua to stretch out the spear that is in his hand. The idea is to paint a picture for your men that involves their spiritual "spears" being stretched out and ready for battle.
- **Listening to God: He Calls You.** This simple yet powerful theme is centered on the passage in 1 Samuel 3, when Samuel receives his calling from God. The focus is to listen for God's direction in every life that is in attendance, because God has a calling on the life of every man in your church.
- **Are You Man Enough to Be Christlike?** The focus for this theme comes from the passage in John 15:13, when Jesus tells His disciples that no man has greater love than if he lays his life down for his friends. The idea is to build unity between the men in your group by asking the question, will you lay down your life (ambitions, pride, etc.) for your fellow man?
- **The Free Man in Christ.** Galatians 5:13 says, "For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." This theme idea focuses on the fact that we have the freedom in Christ to serve our fellow man in love.



**Clear Vision.** A theme for a men's retreat might come across as a feminine idea. But the effects of having a theme for your men's retreat will absolutely prove to be worthwhile. Having a clearly defined theme will help to cast the vision for what you want to accomplish during your retreat, as well as what the Lord wants to accomplish. This will help for you to promote the event effectively, as well as develop content to be spoken at the retreat. If you are inviting guest speakers, inform them of the theme so that their messages can focus on the clearly defined vision.

#### Resource Files for You

MMMA07.txt  
"Retreats"

*Expounding on the importance of men's retreats for your group.*

MMMA31.txt  
"Men's Retreats"

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### Men's Ministry Calendar:

- **November:** Begin a pledge drive to help those in the community who are in financial need for the Christmas season. Ask your men to step up and help other families in the area achieve a Christmas memory by giving money or buying presents and wrapping them.