

SWC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

VISION

Our vision is to see the men of SWC flourishing in their walk with God, connecting and supporting each other.

We plan to have a monthly men's gathering which will take place the last Friday of each month (subject to change with dates like Thanksgiving/Christmas etc.)

We want to keep this gathering simple and relational:

- Fellowship
- Food (within COVID restrictions)
- A short message (different speaker each month) 10-12 mins
- Discussion about theme of message
- Prayer for each other

We plan to offer individual mentoring as part of the mens group (see separate sheet).

TEAM

We plan to have the mens ministry led by a simple vision and a team rather than one individual. The team should plan to connect once a month.

We will use the SWC Team page to connect and update the team.

It will really help if all the team works diligently to invite and connect people.

FUTURE PLANS

We are open to looking at ideas to enlarge the mens ministry in the future but for now would like to create some traction with this plan.

We ask that people refrain from adding titles, logos, images, books, teaching resources and other things to the plan for now.

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MENTORING NOTES:

VISION

Our vision is to have a mentoring program in place where men in our church community can get some individual support and help as they grow in life and faith.

TEAM

We will work as a team with two team members working with each individual. We are open to enlarging the team in the future.

PRACTICALS

We will announce this program often as part of the life of the church:

Sunday morning announcements

Social Media

Bulletin

Website

During the monthly mens gathering.

We ask that members of the team do not suggest to anyone that they sign up for this. Our goal is to let people know of this program and have the individual initiate the process.

There will be a sign up form at the connections table. Graham will work with Sharon Doyen on a system of connecting the team with those wishing to be mentored.

The team can meet with individuals at the church, or in a public place (Panera/ Starbucks etc.)

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GUIDELINES FOR MENTORING:

Agree and keep to a pre determined time frame for the meeting.
(30 mins would be a good target)

We are not here to do pastoral counseling, marriage counseling, inner healing/
deliverance etc.

Please do not offer or suggest any books, videos etc that have not been
approved for the team.

We are promising the individual confidentiality but not secrecy.

If the individual is feeling suicidal or threatens to self harm in any way the church
leadership needs to know immediately. The same principle would apply to any
situation that would involve a minor being in danger.

It is vital that we never give medical advice in any way or form. We do not
advise for or against any medical condition.

It is vital that we honor the principle of only working with another team member
present. Please do not initiate or allow the situation where you are continuing to
mentor without your team member present.

Every person and every situation is different. If you are ever un sure of how to
proceed or what to advice please do not assume.

Reach out to Pastor Graham or his team for a second opinion.

We encourage the team members working with an individual to connect after a
meeting and share thoughts and pray for this person.

It is important we we do not represent ourselves as pastors or counselors in
this context. We are friends helping friends in their walk with Jesus.

CONNECTING WITH TEAM

Pastor Graham will hold a regular meeting for the wider team to connect where
you can suggest ways of improving and developing this ministry.