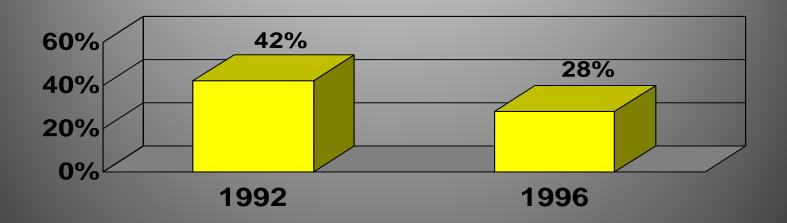
MEN'S MINISTRY: WHY THE NEED?

WHAT CAN WE DO?
INTERACTION AND DISCUSSION

Men's Church Attendance



If 42% is 100% of men then the drop is 33%... 1 in 3 stopped coming

Source: Dan Schaffer, President of Building Brothers, Denver, CO www.barna.org

Where Are We Now?

Profession of Faith by Generation

- Builder generation 65% professed faith in Christ
- Boomers 35% professed faith in Christ
- Gen X 15% professed faith in Christ
- Of the kids alive today, a projected 4% will profess their faith in Christ

Source: Billy Graham Association

Why are we here? For every 10 men in the average church...

- 9 will have kids who leave the church
- 8 will not find their jobs satisfying
- 6 will pay monthly minimum on credit cards
- 5 have a major problem with pornography
- 4 will get divorced affecting 1,000,000 children each year
- Only 1 will have a biblical worldview
- All 10 will struggle to balance family & work:

Because they really want to HAVE FUN!

The Influence of Men

Fatherless Homes Produce

90% of Runaway Children

85% of Children With Behavior Problems

71% of High School Drop Outs

75% of Children Addicted to Drugs

63% of Teenage Suicides

80% of Rapists

85% of Prison Inmates

Source: The National Center for Fathering

- Men commit 90% of major crimes
- Men commit 100% of rapes
- Men commit 95% of burglaries
- Men commit 91% of the offenses against the family
- Men comprise 94% of drunk drivers

CHRISTIAN & TECHNOLOGY

FACT: Christians own about the same amount of technology as the general population

- Born Again adults spend about seven times more hours each week watching television than they do participating in spiritual things, like Bible reading prayer and worship
- Born Again adults spend twice as much money on entertainment as they donate to their church
- Born Again adults spend much more time surfing the Net than they do conversing with God in prayer

WHAT "BORN AGAIN" CHRISTIANS BELIEVE

- 52% Reject the existence of the Holy Spirit
- 35% Jesus was crucified but not physically raised to life
- 45% Deny Satan's existence
- 32% Believe in moral absolutes
- 26% Make choices based upon principles in the Bible
- 24% Make choices based upon what feels right or comfortable

Where Are The Men?

- 26 Million Men Attend Church
- 68 Million Do Not Attend Church

#1 Reason... "Men do Not Find Church to be Relevant to Meet Their Needs"

Source: Barna Research Group

Our Biggest National Tragedy

Young Men Between The Ages 18–25

What the Women Are Saying?

- Women feel often that they are abandoned emotionally – there is a sense that men are not really listening to them.
- Women are desperate for men to provide strong spiritual leadership in the home. One woman said it this way, "we long for a rock".
- If men are not strong leaders in the home, women have a tendency to take it back.
- Men are in need of more accountability—many men have not built the necessary trust level with their spouse, so she can encourage him to share with other men.

What The Women Are Saying?

- Men need help overcoming wounds from dysfunctional relationships with their fathers and mothers.
- Men are in need of a better understanding of intimacy. Why
 this is so important to a woman and its ultimate affect upon
 our relationship.
- There is a great need for mentoring—we need a training program to help equip mentors and a more effective outreach to put mentoring relationships together.
- Young men need to be taught what it means to be a man and enter into passage to manhood—this is critical for our next generation.
- We need to address women who are single moms raising boys without the influence of a man—how do we help them obtain godly male mentoring?



The Power of Influence

God Created Men to Have the Responsibility to be a Godly Leader to Influence His Family, Church and His World.

The Power of Influence is Innate to His Creation, Whether He is Godly or Ungodly.

The Power of Influence

Attending Church First	<u>Families Follow</u>
100 Children	1.7%
100 Mothers	18%
100 Fathers	93%

The Church Approach

God's Order

The Church

Man



Woman



Child

Child



Woman



Man

"The primary goal of an effective men's ministry is to strategically help men transfer biblical truth into action by providing the necessary encouragement for them to live a "holy" life before God, for the benefit of their families, friends, churches, and communities."

WHY CHURCHES NEED MEN'S MINISTRY

- 1. Men's needs and methods for reaching other men are different than for women and children
- 2. Spiritually mature men are more effective husbands and fathers
- 3. Spiritually mature men provide godly leadership in church
- 4. Spiritually mature men disciple and evangelize other men!

KEYS TO MEN MENTORING & DISCIPLESHIP

- Reaching men on two levels:
 1a. Men's ministry in general
 2a. Individual one-on-one, or small group
- 2. Ministry that changes the heart toward God
 1a. Change of behavior = man's doing
 2a. Change of heart = God's doing
 Long-term
- 3. Men-to-men relationships are based upon mutual trust
- 4. The greatest trust is developed in small group situations

We Need a Process

An Event A Process

Decisions Development

Motivates Matures

Challenges Changes

Convenient Commitment

Moment Forever

WHAT CAN PASTORS DO?

OPEN DISCUSSION!