

DISCIPLESHIP track

Gospel › Men

for Men

While all people everywhere are called to follow Jesus in many common ways, there are also unique ways in which God calls certain groups of people to follow Jesus. Men are one such group. As we combed Scripture, we gathered together the distinct commands, virtues, descriptions, and categories of what it means to be a Christian man. Borrowing from Douglas Wilson's book *Future Men*, we've settled on four unique categories for godly masculinity: lords, husbandmen, saviors, and sages. The purpose of this track is to help guide you through these specifics of masculine Christ-following.

consider.

- What are the unique ways that Scripture calls men to follow Jesus?
- What are some of the unique struggles that men face as they seek to follow Jesus?
- How has your upbringing shaped your view and practice of biblical masculinity?
- What does it look like to live and lead out of a vision?
- What does genuine masculine maturity and purity look like?

pray.

Ask God to...

- grant you a love for Him and a view toward the supremacy of Jesus in all things.
- give you the humility to see your sin, repent of it, and walk in faithful righteousness.
- grant you the favor of your friends and wife and kids as you pursue God and them.
- grant you the strength to complete this discipleship tract and take someone else through it.
- help you reject passivity and embrace the leadership role he's called you to.
- grow your understanding of and reliance on the grace of the gospel of Jesus.

do.

- Memorize Genesis 2:18-25
- Put together a vision for yourself and your family (devotion, discipleship, ministry, finance, etc.).
- Commit to rejecting passivity and embracing leadership.
- Commit to living in purity.
- Find an accountability/prayer partner.

read.

- *The Masculine Mandate*, Richard Phillips
- *The Shepherd Leader at Home*, Timothy Z. Witmer

For Further Reading...

Disciplines of a Godly Man, R Kent Hughes (deeper dive on manhood)
Finally Free, Heath Lambert (purity)
The Exemplary Husband, Stuart Scott (duties of a husband)
Do More Better, Tim Challies (productivity and organization)
Humility, CJ Mahaney



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purpose.

The primary call on all our lives is to glorify God by following Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. The desire and ability to live out this call are the result of a beautiful merging of God's sovereign grace and our dependent effort. At Grace Church we are committed to coming alongside anyone who is interested in examining and accepting this call. It is our joy to follow Jesus with you.

covenant.

One of the most popular and tragic counterfeit versions of Christianity in existence today is the one which suggests that people can choose to follow Jesus to some (or even most) of the places that he goes—that people can come to Jesus on their own terms. Throughout the time of his ministry, however, Jesus made it plain that people would follow him wherever he might lead them and whatever it might cost them or they would not follow him at all (i.e. Matthew 8:19-22; Luke 14:25-33). Jesus will meet us wherever we are but he alone determines where we're going. Indeed, the bible makes plain the fact that there is a high cost to following Jesus. But the bible also makes plain that the reward is incomparably greater (Matthew 13:44) and that the strength to do so comes ultimately from God (Philippians 2:12-13).

Consequently, we want to mutually enter into a covenant—an agreement that is serious and significant. Before agreeing to begin this discipleship track, know that it should only be entered into after much prayer (with your spouse if you are married), consideration, and with a whole heart. It may bring spiritual challenges but it will most certainly bring God's help and reward.

- I agree to finish this discipleship track. Given the significant investment that others are making in me I acknowledge the need for punctuality and uninterrupted attendance.
- I agree to be honest and forthright—speaking the truth in love and being willing to receive feedback, even if it hurts. We can only help each other if we are willing to be transparent and vulnerable.
- I commit to completing assignments and coming prepared to engage fully.
- I commit to consistent prayer for the person that I'm meeting with.
- I commit to the consistent disciplines of reading God's Word and prayer during this discipleship track.
- Finally, I commit to leading at least one other person through this discipleship track in the future.

In short, we're asking you to commit to taking this seriously and sharing it with at least one other person as an expression of your love for God and the calling He's placed on your life.

Signed: _____ Date: _____