



Dear Friends,

It's 2017!! I am so looking forward to this new year and seeing all that God has in store for both our 2017 Conferences and men's ministry as a whole across America. I am believing for a move of God to sweep across men, causing men to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to empower men to break from the bondages in their lives, and to live the life they were created to live.

This year our theme is Get In The Game! I have to admit, it has been a lot of fun putting videos and images together based on the sports theme. We have some pretty cool stuff lined up, and let's just say you don't want to miss the countdowns in between our sessions!

We are also blessed with another amazing lineup of speakers this year. Both our Main Session and Workshop speakers are men I highly respect, men I know will come prepared with a Spirit-inspired message that will help all the men who hear them.

Speaking of the workshops, we have three great, relevant topics this year. This year our workshop topics will be:

1. Moving The Sticks: Maintaining Spiritual Growth
2. Refuse To Lose: Finding God In Frustrated Plans
3. Unsportmanslike Conduct: Avoiding the Drive Killers

Our workshops are always a great time to learn in a smaller setting and to get to interact with our speakers. Each year our survey responses show men love the workshops, and and this year they will be better than ever!

After the workshops, we've got an exciting closing session planned for this year. It is going to be totally different than last years closing session as we focus on our teammates and how we can work together and encourage each other. It's going to be epic!

We also have a brand new resource to go along with this year's conference theme. Our new book, "Get In The Game", is a great tool for your church's men's group to utilize. It contains group study questions and an in depth workbook that will help your men grow in their spiritual walk. We were blown away with the testimonies from the churches who utilized last year's resource, and we can't wait to see how this new resource helps men and men's ministries!

I am also excited to present the Mantour Challenge to the men this year. Last year the men who accepted our Challenge were able to reach over 600 men in State and Federal Prisons, Teen Challenge Centers, Halfway houses, and homeless shelters. I can hardly wait to share their testimonies with you as we answer the call and reach even more men outside of the church in 2017!

So, are ready to Get in the Game? Registration is now open!! This year we have redesigned online registration, hoping it will be easier and more accessible for the men to pre-register through our Mantour Ministries online store.

While your registering online, check out the ticket block option. You can get 25 tickets for \$250! That is a \$2.50 savings per man on early registration, and a \$12.50 savings if you pay on site! Last year a lot of our churches took advantage of the ticket block option and used the savings to give tickets to an unsaved friend or to a new man at the church who hasn't really connected with the men. It is a great option that we hope to see even more churches optimize this year!



You really don't want to miss this year's Mantour Conferences. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Jamie Holden

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2017 Mantour Dates And Locations:

January 28 East Central Pa Mantour
February 4 Delaware Mantour
February 18 Virginia Mantour
February 25 Appalachian Mtn. Pa Mantour
March 11 Central PA Mantour
March 18 Northcentral PA Mantour
March 25 Western PA/WV/OH Mantour
April 1 Northeast PA Mantour
April 29 Greater Philadelphia Mantour
TBA Teen Challenge Mantour

The Bridge Church, Hamburg, PA
Calvary Church, Dover, DE
Victory Church, Winchester, VA
Pleasant Valley AG, Altoona, PA
Crossroads Comm. Church, Mechanicsburg, PA
Echo Hope Assembly, Mill Hall, PA
Mt. Morris Gospel Tabernacle, Mt. Morris, PA
Peckville Assembly, Blakely, PA
Philadelphia Christian Center, Bensalem, PA
Teen Challenge Training Center, Rehrersburg, PA

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In our latest edition of Equip, we examine this question and discuss a path to a healthy men's ministry. We start by giving you some questions to think about such as:

1. What method/curriculum will work best for your men's group? Books, video, lead a weekly Bible Study?
2. What conferences, retreats, and outreaches can we attend to build camaraderie with our men?
3. How can our men's group serve our church and our community?
4. How do we reach younger men and bring them into our men's group?
5. How can we help support missions?

To Help you answer these questions, we want to lay out the four paths to a healthy men's ministry, basing them on a baseball field.

You can receive your free copy of this edition of Equip as well as future editions by visiting <http://www.mantourministries.com/equip>

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The four key parts to a healthy men's ministry are relationships, discipleship, service, and outreach. Each of the areas is an important part of keeping your men's ministry healthy and thriving. No man is going to be open and honest with the group if they don't feel comfortable, so relationship building is the #1 priority of developing a men's ministry.

However, having relationships isn't enough. "You need to see your men growing spiritually, so discipleship is needed. In order to achieve this, you need to identify and implement the best method/curriculum for your men and have consistent, weekly teaching."

Accountability is a key part of your men's group. Men need to be holding each other accountable and helping each other overcome weaknesses. This is vital. However, I just can't stop here.

You can't always take in and never give out or you will be a doated, useless Christian. "You need to take what you learn and help other people. Service needs to be the fourth tier. The home base of your men's ministry."

So what do each of these bases mean? Throughout the rest of this issue, we will look at each area and give practical tips for implementation. "You can start and maintain a thriving men's ministry that has men hitting home runs for God's Kingdom!"

First Base: Building Relationships

One of the biggest errors Men's Ministries make is doing too fast and too deep, personal conversations without first developing relationships. No man is going to open up and tell his struggles to a bunch of strangers. I know I sure wouldn't. But unless this is what we do, we can't build a healthy men's ministry.

Relationships are the key to building a men's ministry. We need to be intentional about developing these relationships and friendships with the men in the group. So how do we do it?

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PRAY:

We are so appreciative of your prayer support. Please pray for:

1. The men who attend the conferences, that they will have life-changing experience with God at our conference. Also pray for an up swell of unsaved men to come to the conference and have a life-changing moment with God!
2. Please pray for doors to open for us as we continue working on raising our support budget. We cannot do the work God has called us to do alone, we need the prayer and financial support of churches and individuals.
3. A Personal request: Please pray for physical strength for me during Mantour Season. With my disability, I know that every weekend event will be followed by a Monday and Tuesday with a sore, swollen, mostly unwalkable foot. Please pray for strength and grace to deal with this reality, and pray that God will intervene and completely heal my body.

GIVE:

I am in need of individuals and men's ministries to partner with me as a Missionary Associate on a monthly basis. I work on Mantour Conferences and the Mantour resources full time year round, and would value your financial support. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with me and with Mantour Ministries on monthly or yearly basis? You can give online at www.giving.ag.org using Account Number 2813962, or print and return the form below using account Number 2813962.

GO:

Finally, will you commit to adding your local Mantour conference to your church's 2017 calendar? I know the men in your church will be blessed as they attend the 2017 "Get In The Game" Conferences!

Do you believe in the ministry God has called me to do?



Jamie Holden
AG US Missionary Associate



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