

Men's Ministry Catalyst THE CONNECTION

Making disciples...

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...who make disciples

New Seminary Certificate Available for Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry Catalyst (MMC) and Columbia Evangelical Seminary (CES) are announcing the creation of a new Men's Ministry Certificate program. Think about it! You can now receive seminary credit for expanding your knowledge of how to create, expand, and enable a vibrant ministry to men.

This exciting development creates an opportunity for anyone who wants to improve their ministry to men and leadership skills, while becoming a certified national leader on men's ministry.

Any man who completes this course of study will be equipped to help his church launch, or re-launch, a vibrant and dynamic ministry to men

The new program lays out, in practical terms, how to build a strong and compelling ministry to men.

Earning a *Men's Ministry Certificate* means you will be ready to:

- Create an effective team of men's leaders
- Conduct outreach events of interest to men outside the church
- Provide more discipleship experiences beyond a monthly breakfast or weekly Bible study
- Help men better deal with their struggles and issues
- See men become active disciple-makers instead of passive spectators



This opportunity represents the combined work of recognized, international leaders in ministry to men and an outstanding educational institution. It is an exceptional program that can lead to an A.A. degree and a B.S. degree!

Learn more at our website, or enroll now at ColumbiaSeminary.edu/admissions.html.

Do You Need A Course Correction?

Excerpt from "The Spiritual Mentor"

By James Grassi, D.Min.

It was a cold December morning in the San Francisco Bay area. As my fishing buddy, Rick, and I arrived at the marina, I commented that it was going to be a challenge to see many birds diving for baitfish with the heavy fog conditions.

After launching, I reassured him that he was with a man who knew the delta well.

The biting cold and the endless fog seemed to worsen as we moved across the slough. I needed to correct our steering to the right if we were going to run a correct course, as my boat tended to pull to the left when motoring at low speeds.

We had been totally quiet for about five minutes when Rick broke the silence and asked, "When will we get there?" He was obviously getting anxious. I tried to reassure him, but deep down I knew something was wrong. I had miscalculated the mark.

Time passed, the river current was running quickly. I visualized my new bass boat drifting under the Golden Gate Bridge and out to sea without anyone noticing. What a ridiculous situation we found ourselves in.

I turned off the engine and we drifted for what seemed like hours, but was only fifteen or twenty minutes. Then I heard it. Terror began to grip my heart as I recognized the sound of the propeller wash of a very large
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Church Report

Building a robust men's ministry can be done effectively with the right leadership and coaching. It's great to work with a dynamic church, and the men at North Summit Church in Sandpoint, Idaho fit that description. MMC has been partnering with this church since last spring.

They started by bringing their men together for our Leadership Workshop, and then used the Assessment Survey to gain valuable information about the men in their church: their needs, abilities and desires.

Using the MMC model, they adopted a calendar that included times for fellowship, spiritual growth, service and outreach. They established a goal of 500 new men to become actively involved with the church
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Course Correction

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ship. Should we move? What direction? We decided to stay put and pray.

The large ship passed on the port side, probably 150 feet away. It barely missed us, but the wake nearly capsized my boat.

As I gathered my senses, I began to pray. God reminded me that the help I needed was in my boat. There was a map in the glove box. I thought this was just like God's word, the map that would direct us home. The compass I found there would guide us to true north, just as the Holy Spirit guides us to the true God.

As I considered these analogies, I realized my friend, Rick, represented the Christian fellowship we need in tough times.

Jesus knew His disciples lacked faith at times, as we all do. Yet, He remained sensitive to their frustrations and confusion. To help them better define their priorities, He offered them a simple but profound message—to follow and trust Him. Especially when it's foggy.

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by the end of 2018. They have a great, aggressive calendar.

Even though North Summit has new ministry teams forming, the activities through the summer have given men in the church opportunities for solid Christian fellowship while they have enjoyed outdoor sports together. Bible studies have continued, and they are moving towards the launch of a spiritual mentoring program.



In September, they held a men's breakfast that was much more than the usual monthly breakfast. Planning for this started about two months prior to the event. Tim Tyler, our Associate Director, was involved by coaching the leadership team and providing practical tools such as specific event guides, and other resource they came to need.

This was an opportunity for men who had come to earlier fellowship events, such as shooting and fishing clinics, to take a step toward more spiritual activities.

One man at the breakfast related why he had come. A friend told him about the breakfast and that there would be a guest speaker from out of state. That got him interested, but what followed really made the difference.

The next week, his friend called him and reminded him of the breakfast. He learned a little more about the speaker and heard how good the food was going to be, too.

The day before the breakfast, he got another call, and made the final decision to attend.



This kind of contact is exactly what Tim had been encouraging the men to do in order to get men to turn out for an event. Along with their other publicity efforts, this worked to bring almost 200 men to the breakfast.

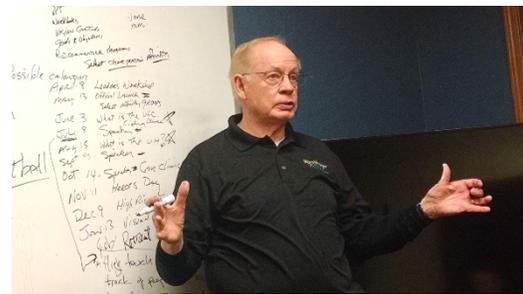
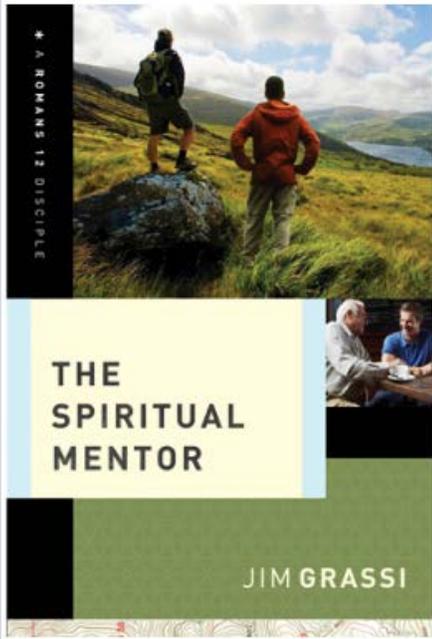
Of course, this isn't about just numbers. It's about God moving in the hearts of men to cause them to follow Him and be transformed. At the end of his message, the speaker invited anyone who did not know God to pray with him.



Two men responded and committed themselves to Christ. They were welcomed into a fellowship with other men who would help them keep in step with Christ.

Men's Ministry Catalyst played an important role here, helping the church organize and minister effectively to their community.

We are very thankful to our donors for their confidence and support that allows us to be effective in helping others to know God and make Him known. It's a privilege to see how God works through the church, and what a difference it makes when the men are mobilized to serve Christ.

THE SPIRITUAL MENTOR
JIM GRASSI

There is nothing more fundamental to the Christian faith and to building godly men than discipleship.

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