



### Men's Group

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Love plays such an integral role in the Kingdom of God. We were created in love so that we could give love, praise, and glory to the one whose very essence is love. Though we were momentarily torn from this state, the living embodiment of love paid the ultimate sacrifice for us to be able to experience the profound love of God once again. Christ's life is our most powerful resource in learning how to structure our relationship with God and how to face those God has placed in our lives (seemingly for better or for worse).

This year, Jeff and I see a place where men can find confidence in themselves and community in each other. We seek to offer an outlet for brothers to explore why exactly strong relationships between men are so rare and, at the same time, look into how we can reconcile those issues. Men's will also be a place where the individual can learn to love themselves and accept love from others. When a group of individuals loves deeply despite each other's shortcomings, Christ has room to heal, grow, and take over.

Jeff and I see a place where men can come and begin to understand the gravity of the events that have taken place, the power, strength, and peace we are currently entitled to, and the hope that awaits us in times to come. By His grace, men's group will be God's vessel in the fellowship to bring real change in our lives. We also see a group that knows the importance of both the strength and reassurance that comes with community (in-reach) and showing selfless love to those outside of it (outreach). Running on a cyclical structure, Men's will be designating weeks solely for the exploration of "loving yourself", "loving others", and also more practical elements.