

2021-2022 UTCCF Men's Min Vision

Independence to the point of solitude is constantly depicted as a must-have trait for men. In one way or another, it has been instilled in us that we should be able to deal with anything by ourselves, for fear of looking 'weak'. This is one of the main reasons as to why it is so hard to develop solid male friendships. Who better to display our strength to than to other men? Yet we know this misconception is destructive because we cannot do things on our own; even more so because we are called to be in fellowship with both God and other believers.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." - 1 John 1:7

The first goal of the year is to provide a space where men can delve deeper into God's Word, that we may embody it and let it shape our thoughts and desires. This establishes a foundation for developing closer friendships as we discuss and discern what Scripture says on how to live our lives. Our second goal, then, is to provide a space to create and develop these friendships - where we can be challenged to push beyond comfortable, surface-level conversations, to be more vulnerable with one another. These dynamics cannot be forced, but the Holy Spirit will empower us as we strive for openness, accountability, and genuine fellowship.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Men's Min will seek to practically implement this vision through Topic Nights, where we'll examine controversial, male-specific issues through a Christian perspective. These will be supplemented by Character Studies, where we study and discuss how the lives of godly Biblical men apply to us today in PIGs (Profiles In Godliness). Service Nights will bolster our sense of brotherhood as physical forms of service, while Casual Nights provide a light, refreshing destresser from the grueling, tumultuous academic season. Lastly, Men's Min members will be able to enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal with their Men's Devotional Leader one-on-one in the aptly named MEWTWO (Meet, Eat, Walk & Talk With Openness); it's understated as to just how much of Jesus's ministry was done over a meal.

"As iron sharpens iron. So one person sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17

It is our firm hope that the relationships we form and the lessons we learn are cherished and continue on for years to come. Let us walk together this next year, fostering a greater sense of brotherhood within the fellowship, building up one another in love, as we bear witness in all aspects of our lives.

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