

Welcome to NMIC Men's ministry

A) Why are we here today and why do we meet on a monthly basis?????

What's the purpose for the NMIC?

- Talk a little about the first meeting December 3 2005
- **Review our mission statement:**
Glorifying God by following his commands in Discipline, Developing and Deploying men into service of Family, Church, and Community
- Why did we start the NMIC, **the purpose**
I feel like my convictions weren't aligned with the churches.

What I realized is that it wasn't about me and what I liked or not but what God was trying to tell me.

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You need to find out what God is calling you to and follow it.

So what is our purpose?

To have a healthy church, we need to have strong leaders, men of God who are willing to say **YES** when we are called by God.

How do we know if God is calling us? I will get to that later

- What is our purpose as Christian men? What are we here for?

Is it for just getting together?

Having breakfast?

Is it for keeping up with is going on in the church?

Is it so we can complain to each other about our lives?

NO it is to build each other up, it's to pray for and with each other, and it's to be accountable to each other and to God and

It's to grow in Christ from studying the bible and praying and serving others.

Proverbs 27:17 **As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.** On Oct 24th 28 men went to Iron Sharpens Iron

- We need spiritual mature Men who are willing to do battle for Christ and the kingdom.

What does that look like?

1. I see a man who has to call out a pastor or leader when their words don't match the bible, or their actions don't match the bible.
2. I see a man who calls out a brother when he is in a pattern of sin
3. I see a man who will step up and question the leadership of the church when he doesn't see the leaders fulfilling the mission of the church (The kingdom)
4. I see a man who sees when others are hurting and help them out Physically, and/or listening, Praying, and encouraging,
5. I see a man who loves people so much that he risks his comfort to share the love of Christ with them.
6. I see a man who loves God so much that he is willing to give it all away If he is asked to by God.
7. We are called to build up the body of Christ

Romans 12:5

so in **Christ** we who are many form one **body**, and each member belongs to all the others.

1 Corinthians 12:12

the **body** is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one **body**. So it is with **Christ**.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the **body** of **Christ**, and each one of you is a part of it.

8. God has called all Christian Men to a Mission in some way. In NMIC we say **To be the leaders of our Family Church and Community.**

Ephesians 4: 11-12

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's **people for works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in **the knowledge** of the Son of God and **become mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

So what is God calling you to?

Are you listening?

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B) Are we?

"Come as you are stay as you are Christians" here at LCC or in NMIC.

Lets look at all the obvious things.

- 1. Are you a Christian?** Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your savior?
- 2. How long have you been a Christian for?** Are you growing in your faith?
- 3. Look back a few years is there any significant spiritual growth in your life**
Are you eager to learn more about God and the bible? If not have you asked God to help you in this area?
- 4. Have you take NH101, 201, 301, 401?** 4 times a year
- 5. How often do you come to Synergy?** It's the 2nd sat of the month
- 6. How often do you come to Common Ground?** Or a mid week service anywhere else 1st & 3rd Thursday
- 7. How often do you read Your Bible?** Daily/ Weekly

¹Tomothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

8. Do you study the Bible?

9. How often do you share your faith w/ others? Evangelize

Matt. 28:19, 20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

10. How often do you attend community groups? Do you lead a community group?

11. How about prayer? Do you pray daily? How about a prayer list, family, Friends Brothers in Christ. Do you pray with your wife? Have you ever prayed with you wife?

12. Are you involved, i.e. serving in the church not just LCC, community

These are all things that we can do to grow in our faith and to get closer to God.

These are all things we need to do if we want to grow closer to God

How else are we going to know what God has for us if we don't read his word and communicate with him daily?

Let's go back to the day you became a Christian

Let's get real right now:

Some of you when you became a Christian, You came to church on Sundays and maybe on common ground, you got involved in the church ministries, in community group. Within weeks or month of attending you got involved serving on a ministry team. You were never disciplined by a mature Christian or trained up in the word of God; you pick up the bible, Monthly, weekly, daily maybe?

You have now been here for years and there is no significant change in your spiritual life!!!!

And some of you are still in the same sin you were in when you came to this church!

Some of you are still struggling with:

Lust: looking at other women with lust

Pornography: Computer, magazines, movies, TV

Sexual immorality: affairs, self gratification

Greed: I want more, I want it all, hoarding
Lying: to your, wife Boss, to the Government
Cheating: taxes, tithing, at stores,
Theft; work time, work items,
Idolatry: Money, cars, sports, musicians, Your House, Your toys, Boat, Your family?
Laziness: Couch, TV,
Selfishness: All for me
Abusive behavior: to your wife or your children.

Forgive Sin, forgive Sin, Forgive Sin, Forgive Sin, Forgive Sin, Forgive Sin

Do you ask for guidance and direction regularly from God?

James 1:5

if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

So how do we know if God is calling you?

Let me read a devotional from Nov 14 from the devotional book My utmost for his Highest by Oswald Chambers

C) Where do we go from here?

Deployment! **But** we need to continue to grow in our faith and knowledge in Jesus Christ

Deployment should come when we become so one with God that we can hear him speaking to us and we answer his call by accepting his mission for us.

Leading a community group

Be active in local missions; help the homeless, mission share, World missions, Mentor if you are a mature Christian, and if not find someone to mentor you.

- Bible study church wide community group first (elaborate)
- Discipleship program is a must but we need men to help put it together.

The future meetings will be as spirit lead as they have been but prayerfully guided by speakers and messages so the Holy Spirit can help us to see the plans that God has for us.

- Retreat
- Iron sharpens iron.
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Colossians 1:24-29

²⁴Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. ²⁹To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

Let's review our bible verse- 2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus

2 Corinthians 5:17

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

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2Peter 1:19-21

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 5:10-12

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Ephesians 6:12

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.