Why do men need a ministry?

- **Men hate coming to church.** Only 25-40% of church attendees are male.
- **The church needs men.** When a *mother* comes to Christ, her family will join her at church only 17% of the time; but when a *father* comes to Christ, his family joins him 93% of the time.
- **Young men and new Christians need mentors.** As many as 90% of the boys who are being raised in church will abandon it by their 20th birthday. Many of these boys will never return.
- **Men are different** and have different needs:
  - In general, men are less social (relationship oriented) and more goal-oriented.
  - Often times men have a father vacuum- both earthly and spiritually.
  - Men have boundaries that require an emotionally safe, trusting environment.

*References: Why Men Hate Going to Church* by David Murrow; *Spiritual Fathers: Restoring the Reproductive Church* by Dan Schaffer