



MVC MEN

2022-2023 Re-Launch: "The Men We Need" – Introduction

OPENING THOUGHT – What would it take for the women and children of Mountain View to start believing they are the most loved, valued, and cared for people on earth? Write down a few ideas.

Humble followers of Christ who are striving to:

GROW UP: Conformity to the image of Jesus – Galatians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15

1. What do these two passages say about your identity (who you ARE) if you are a follower of Christ?
2. Consider the phrase "no longer I who live" and the phrase "no longer live for themselves." What implications do they have on
3. What are some other passages that speak specifically of following Christ and/or your identity in Christ? Again, how do these truths inform and empower what you are to be as a man?

SHOW UP: Care in every context – John 8:1-11

4. John 8 is just one of many examples of what Jesus brings when he "shows up." If we're empowered by him and following him as men, what can we bring into every context?

5. Suggested longer term study: Go through one of the 4 gospels and look for situations that Jesus enters into. What comes with him when he arrives or others meet him? What does he bring and what changes in the situation or setting? What can WE bring into every context like Jesus?

STAND UP: Courage in our world – 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

6. The command to “act like men” is situated right in the middle of these two verses. How do the other things around it help to define what Paul means? How does this inform and empower your life as a man?

THE WORD DWELLING RICHLY – Colossians 3:16

What are your rhythms and habits for getting the word of God deep into your heart? Work on this together as a small group.

Every lesson throughout the entire study ends here...

HEART & ACTION: Summarize the biggest thing(s) God is doing in your heart and the main action step(s) you believe he wants you to take. Discuss one of each with the group. Get accountable, pray together, stay dependent, and make a commitment to sacrificial love in action.