

# Men For Jesus

## Leadership Training for the men of Evergreen Bible Church

*1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow me as I follow the example of Christ.*

**Our Vision:** To become men of Jesus by the power of God and call other men to follow Jesus with us.

**Our Model:** A real man is a servant-leader like Jesus.

- He rejects passivity
- He accepts responsibility
- He leads courageously
- He expects God's reward

**Our Security:** We pursue this vision as children of God who are secure and confident in His grace through Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 5:1*

**Our Power:** We embrace the mystery that we must work hard to follow Jesus and yet it is God who does all the work. *Philippians 2:12-13*

**Our Leadership:** Our goal is transformation for ourselves as well as for those God calls us to lead. *1 Corinthians 11:1*

**Our Training Plan:** A series of training sessions supported by ongoing fellowship relationships.

1. Cast the vision from the Bible in eight primary training sessions.
2. Form ongoing fellowship and accountability relationships using existing Life Groups and ministry team structures as well as establishing new relationship groups.

## Schedule of Sessions

### Self-Leadership

- Feb 2, 4     Establishing My Identity and Relationship in Christ  
Feb 9-10    Charting a Path to Endurance and Faithfulness to Christ

### Family Leadership

- Feb 16-17   Leading My Wife and Children for Christ  
Feb 23-24   Managing My Money for Christ

### Church Leadership

- Mar 2-3     Serving in Ministry for Christ  
Mar 9-10    Being a Catalyst for Fellowship/Discipleship in Christ

### Community Leadership

- Mar 16-17   Going to Work for Christ  
Mar 23-24   Reaching the Lost for Christ

## Meetings Plan

- 0:00        Start on time with two songs and prayer.        (10 minutes)  
0:10        Primary teaching time                                (50 minutes)  
1:00        Small group time for application,                    (30 minutes)  
                  accountability and prayer  
1:30        Dismiss on time. (Welcome to stay and talk)  
1:30        Clean up

**Self-Leadership: Establishing My Identity and  
Relationship In Christ**

**Week 1 - Men For Jesus Leadership Training**

What is the right picture for Men For Jesus?

**Vision:** To become men of Jesus by the power of God and call other men to follow Jesus with us

Prerequisite:

*John 1:12–13*

*Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

## KNOWING WHO YOU ARE

### Your Permanent Identity and Daily Relationship in Christ

#### 1. You are \_\_\_\_\_

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,<sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.*

*<sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,*

*<sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.*

## 2. You are \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; <sup>7</sup> the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

### 3. You are \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:  
“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **SMALL GROUP TIME: APPLYING TRUTH TO LIFE**

- Are you a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus?  
When did you first put your faith in Christ and how did it happen  
Describe one or two major milestones in your relationship with Jesus.
- Have you experienced times when you seriously doubted your salvation?  
What was the situation that caused you to you doubt?  
If it has resolved, how did that come about?  
If it hasn't, what needs to happen?
- What is currently your biggest hindrance to walking in freedom as a child of God?
- List 1-3 people you are connected to that you are praying will trust Christ.