

Marksmen



Introduction:

Men who know Christ experience and demonstrate the power of Christ's death and resurrection. Their visible actions are referred to as the Fruit of the Spirit. These traits include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). In turn, these spiritual traits manifest themselves in all parts of their lives and have a significant impact in each man's spiritual walk. Our men's ministry's intent is to help men in this walk to become more Christ-like (lay foundations using God's Word).

Purpose:

Marksmen will assist in the training of men in their Christian faith to make them disciples of Jesus Christ. Marksmen will come alongside other ministries of CLC to network with them and help meet their needs (Mark 10:42-45). This will empower the men and give them an opportunity to serve the Lord, thus finding each man's proper place in the body according to God's unique purpose (Ephesians 1:11, 2:10).

Mission Statement:

Marksmen will seek to minister to men from all backgrounds, from the community and the church, to train and equip men through the power of the Holy Spirit, and to become all God intends for them to be in Him (Colossians 1:28, I Corinthians 12:7).

Name:

The name *Marksmen* is easy to relate to, both inside and outside of the church setting. Therefore, the name *Marksmen* will not only attract men from the church but also from the community and workplace. Christian men need to be on target; they must strive to become more than the world's opinion of *good enough*. In their walk with the Lord, men need opportunities to grow and to be successful. Their aim needs to become focused on becoming better men (brothers in Christ), husbands, and fathers. They need *target practice* to become a more accurate representation of a Christian man. The name *Marksmen* will be a powerful vehicle for evangelism and discipleship, and in turn, it will attract men from the community to take the first important step into a relationship with Christ and possibly into the CLC's family.

Goals:

Marksmen's goal is to facilitate the spiritual growth of Christian men, servant leaders as taught and modeled by Jesus (Luke 19:10, John 13:34).

Marksmen will enable and support men to be servant leaders in the following areas:

- In the home
- In the church
- In the workplace
- In the community

Activities:

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

“**Target Practice**” will be the training and equipping process of the Marksmen (Men’s Ministry). There are three ministry levels dealing with different issues of men’s walk with the Lord. These include: *Marksmen*, which deals with daily issues, such as devotions, Bible reading, and prayer; *Sharpshooter*, which deals with relationships, small groups, and accountability partners; and finally, *Expert*, which deals with issues that are deeper and more intense, such as pornography, depression, divorce, etc.

Daily:

- Personal devotions
- Personal Bible reading/study
- Personal prayer

Weekly:

- Small groups (men’s/couples’/other)
- Bible study (Tuesday mornings/other)
- Accountability partners

Monthly:

- Men’s breakfast’s
- Other seasonal events/special speakers

Semi-annual:

- Men’s retreat/seminar

Annual:

- Promise Keeper’s events
- HonorBound events
- Other men’s conferences/seminars

“Men striving to draw closer to God and be men of His own heart!”