

## Vision for Manhood – Leaders Notes

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This topic is all about setting up a healthy and sustainable vision for manhood that is relevant to men in all stages of life and in all circumstances. By starting with this vision, we can ground the rest of Real Men Essentials in biblical truth.

Each topic starts and ends with a prayer time. Usually you would keep the starting prayer short, focusing on God opening the eyes of our hearts to see his truth. The ending prayer may need to be longer, with specific people's needs addressed. Of course, feel free to have a broader ranging prayer time as well if your group normally does that.

This should be an easy topic and one most men can agree on. However, challenge the group to look for what other 'truths' they have accepted about manhood to help distinguish and elevate God's vision above those others.

Some men may want to argue with the emphasis on the four faces of manhood and how they apply to each of the gospels. Try to help these men see that it is the big ideas, serving others, being compassionate, etc. that are important to apply to our lives, not whether they neatly fit the structure of the gospels.

As the group discusses ideas raised during this topic, keep an ear out for things that could be covered in the prayer time at the end. If someone got a breakthrough in a specific area, then they may be a good choice to pray about that, or if someone was challenged, then they can be encouraged during the prayer time.