

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Fall 2024 - Trained By The Gospel - "Man Up"

Monday, Nov. 11 - Sunday, Nov. 17 (Week 10)

EMPHASIS FOR THE MONTH: **Ending Strong 6** - As we are in the final stretch of the semester, let's keep pouring into our groups with the same energy and love we've shown all along. You've done an amazing job connecting and caring for each person—let's finish strong! Remind your group members of our purpose and encourage them to stay engaged.

ICE BREAKER: What is one area in your life, like a messy garage, that you find humorous but know needs some attention and order?

CAB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. We are looking for 5-10 volunteers on Monday, November 25 at 5 PM, to help us decorate for Christmas. No skills required - just an interest in helping us hang lights, garland, and set up some Christmas trees! Sign up in our Monday email newsletter or email info@churchatbergen to let us know you'll be there. Pizza will be provided for all volunteers!
2. Every Tuesday night we meet for prayer at 6:30 PM. We invite you to join us every Tuesday night as we pray together as a church body.
3. Tackle the Trafficking is a football tournament aimed at raising support and awareness in the fight against human trafficking. This year it will take place this Saturday, November 16 from 10-4 PM at Eastern Christian High School in North Haledon. In addition to the football tournament, there will be a Fair Trade Christmas Market and so much more!
4. If you are interested in learning more about our doctrine and vision, church leadership structure, and qualifications for membership, join our next Membership Class on Sunday, December 1, from 12-2:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please register in our Monday email newsletter or by emailing info@churchatbergen.org
5. Our next Young-ish Gathering is a night out at Go-Low Golf right here in Paramus, on Saturday, December 7 at 7 PM. The cost is \$10 per person. Come to golf, or just to hang! Registration is required for this event! Please sign up in our Monday email newsletter or email us no later than Friday, November 29.

PRAYER FOR DISCUSSION: Leader or Co-Leader prays for the discussion time. Pray that the The Holy Spirit would assist in the conversing, processing, and listening of the discussion.

SERMON DISCUSSION TIME: Have someone read the passage: Titus 1:4-5, and then read this sermon summary to jog everyone's memory:

Pastor Mike focused on the significance of godly manhood, particularly in the context of the church. He begins by discussing the letters written by Paul specifically to pastors, namely 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, emphasizing that, while they are tailored for men, their teachings are beneficial for everyone.



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He underscores the qualities that the Bible calls men to embody—humility, strength, faithfulness, and sacrificial love—which serve as the foundation for being a godly leader in families and communities. His call to "man up" challenges men to elevate their roles, take responsibility, and engage authentically with their faith. Pastor McKinney outlines four essential aspects that every man needs: grace, peace, a father figure, and a Savior. He encourages men not to shy away from stepping into chaos in various aspects of their lives, asserting that godly masculinity involves bringing order to disorder. He urges men to start small by identifying areas in their lives needing attention and taking initiative. The sermon concludes with a prayer for men to embrace their calling and for the church to support them in this journey toward becoming the men God desires them to be.

QUESTION #1: Reflect on a time when you felt the weight of responsibility as a man or observed it in someone else. How did you or they handle it, and what was the outcome?

QUESTION #2: The sermon discusses the chaos in our lives and the need for order. What is one area of chaos in your life that you feel called to address? How can the group support you in this?

QUESTION #3: The sermon mentions the importance of spiritual fatherhood. Who has been a spiritual father or mentor in your life, and how have they impacted your faith journey? If you haven't had one, what qualities would you look for in a spiritual mentor?

QUESTION #4: Identify one practical step you can take this week to bring order to an area of chaos in your life. Share it with the group and discuss how you plan to implement it.

QUESTION #5: Spend time praying for each other, specifically for the men in the group to have the courage to step up and for the women to support and pray for the men in their lives. How can we continue to pray for each other throughout the week?

PRAY TOGETHER: Spend time taking **and recording** prayer requests and then pray together as a group (*I strongly encourage you to send out the prayer requests weekly to your group to keep everyone informed and in the loop on how to pray for one another throughout the week. This also makes it easier to check-in with people who have shared requests to see how the Lord has been working in their lives*).

