

MEN'S



RETREAT

2024

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2024 MEN'S RETREAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY | MARCH 22

- 6:00 Arrive and check in
- 7:30 Gather and Session 1
- 9:00 Bonfire (weather permitting)

SATURDAY | MARCH 23

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:45 Reflection time
- 9:30 Session 2
- 11:00 Small groups
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Free time for fellowship and recreation
- 4:30 Session 3
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Clean up and head home

SESSION 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Against the Recreational Household

SESSION 2

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it -
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Make Men Pious Again

SESSION 3

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom;

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Fighting the Principalities and Powers in the War for the Cosmos

Small Groups

GROUP 1

Jeff Allen
Phillip Dekle
Tim Holt
Kerry Nave
Jesse Pilkenton
Andy Simon
Gabriel Talkington
Adam Yelton

GROUP 2

Wes Andrews
Jacob Denton
Yongcan Huang
Alex Oliver
Emory Patterson
Paul Popa
Greg Triplett

GROUP 3

Thomas F Austin Jr
Dean Eidson
Stephen Hulse
John McMullan
Matt Osburn
John Ragland Jr
Lee Rawlings
Frankie Smith

GROUP 4

Marquavious Barnes
Matt Farmer
Micah Leonhard
Levi Parham
Matt Siple
Charles Smith
Aaron Watwood
Zach Woodard

GROUP 5

Nick Brannen
Will Gasaway
Rebel Lord
Javier Mendoza
Jeremy Patat
Tracy Ray
Robert Seymour
Luke Snyder

GROUP 6

Bynum Boley
Danie Brink
Andrew Gross
Todd Lowery
Miles Peavyhouse
Eric Sewell
Sam Sherard
Joshua Stucky

Small Group Questions

What do you want to get out of this weekend?

Does anything stand out as especially encouraging or challenging?

What have you heard that you can take with you this week/year?

How could we help each other with those takeaways?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Generally speaking today, the household codes of the New Testament (e.g. Eph. 5:22-33) are considered an embarrassment. They're rarely read aloud in worship and seldom if ever preached upon. But in the first century they were considered common sense. This is explained away as evidence of misogyny. But what if they were right and people today are wrong about the codes? What purposes did they serve?

Have you ever given any thought to households as productive enterprises? If so, what got you thinking of them that way, if not, why not?

Eve was given to Adam to help him in his labor of tending the garden. What gardens are you tending, and how can your wife help you tend them?

How does thinking of your wife as a partner in a common labor differ from conventional understandings of the purpose of marriage in our time?

One of the challenges for any productive household is deciding what to "keep in house" and what to "farm out." As you think about it, are there things that you really must keep in house to remain a productive household?

If you're already married, what are the strengths your wife brings to household productivity?

If you're not married, what are the strengths that you think you should look for in a wife?

Now, let's look at you—what are the strengths that you contribute to a productive household?

Returning to Eph. 5:22-33, at the end of the passage Paul refers to a "profound mystery"—what do you suppose he's talking about?

