



A CHURCH THAT **WINS**

A Balanced Church

MAIN THING

A Balanced Church reaches the family through reaching men

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 2:2-4

ICEBREAKER

What is your fondest memory of your father? What about a father figure in your life? Why is that such a good memory?

OPENING THOUGHT

Catalyst was planted to do what many other churches were failing to do: reach and engage men. The average Christian Church is between 2/3 and 3/4 female. There are 15 million more women than men at church any given Sunday. 20% of married Christian women go to church without their husbands every Sunday. There is a definite absence of men in churches today. We will know we are successful when we see 50/50 mix of men and women volunteering in our ministries and attending Sunday morning worship.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Read 1 Kings 2:2-4. What is the reason for this conversation? Why is it so important for David to say this to his son? Do fathers, in general, give their sons this kind of pep talk? If men had more of these kinds of conversations with their sons, how could this affect the world around us?
3. Why have men disconnected from the church in recent years? Is it the Church's fault? Why/why not? How do we bridge that gap? How does reaching men more effectively bring the family to church? Why is that?

LIFE APPLICATION

If you are a man in the Church, and you only come on Sunday, or to community group what is keeping you from getting more involved? Are you hesitant at all about being in church? As a woman, are you encouraging the men in your life to be part of the Church? How can you make the church more male friendly to the men in your life?

CHALLENGE

As a church, we should never cater to just one gender. That's not the point of this study. However, churches have never traditionally been great at making it more comfortable to men. How can we all help make this better?