

**One of the Strengths
of
EncourageMen
is**

**men connecting with other men
to encourage one another**

Each week, the sessions will begin with a formal 40-minute teaching period followed by 20–30 minutes for men to gather in smaller groups to discuss how it applies to their everyday life and offer their mutual support.

That's important. And the impact can be felt not only in our lives, but also in our families, in the community, and in the church.

Through insight and biblical wisdom, each session will address common problems men face and how together, with God's help — we can overcome them.

A typical session is marked by:

- ✓ **Refreshments**
- ✓ **Welcome and warm-up**
- ✓ **Teaching session**
- ✓ **Small group discussion**

This season's
EncourageMen

*Designed for
Connection*

We are born to connect with people and with God.

The goal of EncourageMen 2023 is to assist men in healthy connection with others, focusing on sons and daughters. Children need an intact, nurturing family to be healthy. When lacking healthy connection, the door is opened to a broad spectrum of troubles from relational discord to untold pain and misery. When healthy connection is missing, children begin to doubt life, God, self, and truth, and the emotions of anger and fear become a controlling factor. Join us as we learn and grow in vital life-changing connections.

EncourageMen

2023

Presents

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Beginning Sept 5th

**Parkview
Mennonite Church**

57 E Church St
Reamstown, Pa 17567

Tuesdays 5:30 AM

Call in number: 717-271-0043

Our Goals

This is the 14th year of **EncourageMen!**

This year we will be presenting a series on connection as we learn how God designed Fathers to be the role models of the home. We will learn what godly leadership and sacrifice means along with practical lessons on connecting well with our families.

Fathers who know their calling and place in the family are much more likely to raise up godly children for the next generation. The future of the church stands on the leadership and sacrifice of godly fathers!

Small Group Time

At the end of each 40 min. teaching session, all registrants will be dismissed to a dedicated small group where you'll have the opportunity to share your own story in a confidential setting and give and receive support as the group works through varying discussions related to the earlier teaching.

You'll have the option to sign up for these small groups at the sign-in table. Each registrant will get a name tag with their group number. We ask that small group members commit to attending most of the mornings for the integrity of their group.

Church leaders – It is our desire and goal to work with the local church, to be a healthy resource for your men, and to support you as you shepherd the church of God.

For His glory,

The EncourageMen Committee

Sessions (Sep 5th – Nov 21st)

1. Belonging, Love and Significance

All are created with three foundational needs. Jesus received them from His Father and we and our children need them too!

2. Born to Connect

God has designed humans, from our first experience of life, to connect physically and emotionally with our parents.

3. Intentional Training

Good intentions are not enough. We must intentionally connect practically and tangibly with our children.

4. When Training Becomes Abusive

Discipline in its God-given design brings belonging and stability. When misused through misunderstanding, anger, or frustration, the seeds for destructive future relationships are sown.

5. Authority or Authoritarian

A careful and yet intense look at Paul's statement of 'Do not anger but train'.

6. Living by Principle and Inner Motivation

Paul tells us in Colossians 2 that attempting to correct behavior by rules doesn't work because it doesn't deal with the sensual desires of the heart. This looks at God's plan for holy living.

7. Forgiveness as Defined by Jesus

Forgiveness is vital for receiving freedom and healing. We all know we must forgive but few know how. We will look at how Jesus defines forgiveness and how, when applied, it brings freedom.

8. How to See Your Heart for God Reflected in Your Children

Becoming the Leader of redemption and restoration.

9. Children of Adoption

Adoption is the only way we can become a child of God! This will look at motives for and the challenges of gaining a son or daughter through adoption.

10. A man and His Daughter

The father-daughter bond. Daughters primarily get their concept of femininity from relationship with dad. It is so key to her future.

11. A Man and His Son

The father-son bond. The power of a father's blessing on his son's masculinity prepares him for manhood and leadership.

12. Testimonies

This last morning, attendees will have the opportunity to share what they learned and also personal experiences as we lift one another up through the strength of supporting brothers.

Nov 28th Wives' Night

Mark your calendars for Wives' night this November

A KEY vital connection for a flourishing home is the one between the "Queen" of the home and her husband and children. The goal will be to pursue finding JOY in the pursuit of connecting with the hearts of your husband and each one of your children.

- Please consider this to be your personal invitation to be part of Encourage Men 2023
- Registration is \$35 collected at the door
- Call-in for recordings 717-807-7513

Missed the beginning?
Join us in progress.

You are welcome to come and register at the check-in table any of our scheduled mornings. Small group signups will close after the second morning but later check-ins will join a larger group in the front of the church after the teaching session.

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