

2009 Man in the Mirror Annual Summit Report



Mark Your 2010 Calendar

"I have been working with Man in the Mirror for a long time, but what we shared about 'next steps' will take discipling men to a whole new level." —David H.

This January, 120 men's leaders, more than a dozen spouses and several sons journeyed to the 2009 Man in the Mirror Annual Summit at First Baptist Church of Orlando. We were honored and humbled by so many leaders making the commitment to come in the midst of the current economic turmoil.

Five main sessions featured speakers from Man in the Mirror staff, faculty and friends, as well as panels that included local pastors, regional ministry leaders and national denominational men's ministry heads. More than 20 workshops were offered over the 2 ½ day event, including special workshops for donors, pastors, young men and spouses.



Worship



Connection

Pat Morley opened the event with the State of the Men's Movement, and reminded us that "together, we are all Man in the Mirror." Dennis Puleo gave a stirring testimony of his journey from Vietnam to business success to personal emptiness, and finally, to an authentic, passionate relationship with Jesus Christ. David Delk then gave the road map for the weekend, giving an overview of four strategies Man in the Mirror is pursuing in the coming years to help leaders fulfill our shared mission to reach every man in the America with a

credible offer of the gospel and the resources to grow.

After visiting the Man in the Mirror Bible Study on Friday morning, participants heard a rousing charge to enter the new year with courage and hope from pastor and MIM faculty member Pete Alwinson. The three workshops that followed on Friday allowed the participants to weigh in on the strategies David had laid out the night before, as well as other topics to help them in their men's discipleship efforts. Saturday's two workshops provided even more opportunities.

Throughout the weekend, various ministry leaders from around the country shared with the group. David Dusek and Jeff Kisiah both shared their success in using various Man in the Mirror tools in their regional and local church ministries, respectively. Doug Haugen and Larry Malone shared their insights from their work as national leaders in the ELCA and United Methodist churches as well. And Harrison Fagg shared the success of an organization he started, Montana Man in the Mirror, and suggested "Operation 50," a vision for other leaders to "own" their state or region for spreading men's discipleship using the support and resources of Man in the Mirror.

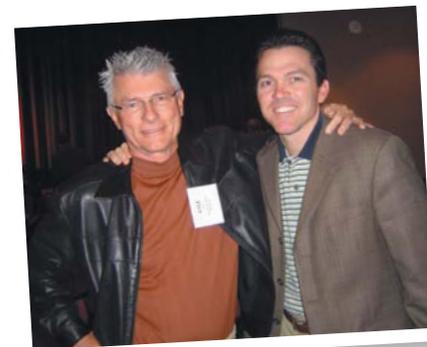


Prayer

The powerful weekend concluded with a time of sharing and prayer for the pastors in the room, and then a charge from Pat to "step forward" into the battle for men's souls.

Don't miss this gathering next year! Put January 28-30, 2010 on your calendar for the next Man in the Mirror Annual Summit!

Want to see more of what happened at the Summit? Go online to www.maninthemirrorsummit.org for powerpoints, photos, and videos of both main session talks and workshops.



Friendship

"[It was a] humbling experience of meeting leaders so very committed to men's ministry. They are who I want to be when I grow up." —George G.

"I felt that... the information and knowledge that was shared was right on the mark. I was very impressed with the quality of the men that were there." —Shannon W.

"The highlights were] the messages, vision, hearing what other ministries are doing, learning new ideas, encouragement, challenge, and having my wife engaged and learning more about my passion (Men's Ministry). Overall it was excellent!" —Dave B.