

LEADING A MEN'S SMALL GROUP

Tool #1: Man in the Mirror Video Bible Study

Man in the Mirror has more than 500 video Bible Studies that you can use in a small group setting. These are all available for download or streaming for FREE at the Man in the Mirror website. Here's how to use them in a small group:

- Go to www.maninthemirror.org and click on the Weekly Video Bible Study graphic at the bottom. (If you don't have an account, you'll have to set it up first. It's free.)
- 2. The most recent message will be featured at the top, with the past few weeks' listed underneath.
- You can click on the button for 'Series' at the top to see all of the different series by title. The number of messages in each series is shown.
- 4. When you select a message, you can download a handout with space for notes and discussion questions. Make copies for your group.
- 5. Click on the video to play it, or click on the 'Download' tab under the video to download the video (or audio only). If you are showing it to a group, you may want to download it to avoid any problems with internet connectivity or bandwidth.
- 6. Gather your group around a computer screen, or use a projector to show it to a larger group. Make sure to distribute the handouts first.
- You can also register your group at maninthemirror.org by clicking on the 'Start-A-Group' tab at the top. This could help other guys looking for a group in your area find you.

A recommended schedule for a Men's Small Group using the Video Bible Study:

- Start promptly at the agreed upon time.
- Open with a quick prayer and then start the video. This should take about 35 minutes.
- Take 20 minutes for discussion time using the handouts.
- · Spend 5 minutes at the end to pray for each other.
- For longer time periods, expand the discussion and prayer times.



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Tool #2: Equipping the Man in the Mirror

The *Equipping the Man in the Mirror* magazine has built-in tools to use with your small group. Each small group meeting is based on a week's worth of devotions, which serves the additional purpose of encouraging men to spend some quiet time in the Word five days a week. Here's how to use it:

- 1. Make sure everyone has a copy of the magazine. Each man can subscribe, or you can get a bulk subscription and distribute them.
- Read through the Equipping Your Men's Small Group section when you get your copy. This will give you a 13-week plan for your group.
- 3. Start each week with the group discussion questions at the end of each week's devotions in a box called **For Your Small Group**.
- Use the Equipping Your Men's Small Group section to dig deeper. Each week has a Suggested Action Step for your group to accomplish.
- 5. Additional resources for study or to dig deeper are listed as well.

A recommended schedule for a Men's Small Group using *Equipping the Man in the Mirror*:

- Start promptly at the agreed upon time. Open with a quick prayer.
- Take 5-10 minutes to review the previous week's Suggested Action Step and to follow up on any assignments.
- Spend 20-25 minutes on the discussion questions at the end of the previous week's devotionals.
- Spend 15-20 minutes on the Suggested Action Step.
- Spend 5-10 minutes at the end to pray for each other.
- For longer time periods, expand the sections as desired.