

MEN AT CREEKSIDE... IRONMEN

One of the last things Jesus said before ascending into heaven is recorded in Matthew 28:19-20 and it says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

It is interesting to note what Jesus did NOT say. He did not say go make servers, givers or even worshippers. He said to make disciples. The focus of IronMen is to make disciples. The Greek word for disciple is *mathetes*, which literally means a pupil or learner. When attached to Jesus it has come to mean someone who is following the teachings of Jesus. Here is a biblical way to think of it...

A disciple is:

Called to live "*in*" Christ, salvation

Called to live "*like*" Christ, spiritual growth,

Sent to live "*for*" Christ, living powerfully by His priorities.

He will be present with His people until the job of making disciples is done. And when is that? Until the end of the age! Jesus says, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." But no one can do this alone. And no one becomes Christlike by accident. It must be intentional. So, if you are interested in growing, becoming more Christlike and having a deeper relationship with Jesus, read on.

Join us this spring by joining the IronMen ministry, as we live out Acts 2:42. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." The involvement in this ministry is to be involved in something bigger than yourself.

We will continually experience God, we will hear God's voice daily, we will learn scripture, break bread in fellowship, and become impactful spiritual servant leaders in our families, work, church & community. We will learn Godly disciplines and become men of prayer, purpose and dedication, who worship the Most High God. Our lives will become more focused and more impactful. This is NOT just a box to check off. This challenge will be one of the most fulfilling journeys of your life.

IronMen, as the name implies, is not for the halfhearted. It is for those that want to get real with Jesus and other likeminded brothers in Christ. It entails an intensive one yearlong study of God's word and Christian living that is designed to make you strong in your faith and mold you into a man after God's own heart. You will be accountable to study and join in close fellowship as implied in Proverbs 27:17 "*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another*".

HERE ARE THE DETAILS

We will meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, (beginning May 1, 2023) have prayer, worship, memorize scripture, receive Bible teaching, and break out into smaller groups for discussion. (Over the course of the year, we will have 4 different Bible studies and have additional books to read). Within these groups, each individual person will have an accountability partner to walk alongside them through this discipleship journey. Upon completion, graduates and invited guests will attend a commencement ceremony including a dinner and celebration of the one-year achievement. Each graduate will also receive an IronMen Polo shirt and certificate.

By the end of the year, we will all experience a changing life through a growing relationship with Jesus that is real and personal.

Sign up for IRONMEN

If you feel that God is calling you to commit to this ministry, please register using the link at creeksideeg.com/men. There is a \$150 fee, which covers the ministry costs for the one-year discipleship training, except for the books that you will be responsible for purchasing on your own. You can also use the sponsor letters that we will provide for you to seek financial support from your family and friends, if need be. (We do not want anyone that feels led by God to be involved in this powerful ministry to not join in because of a lack of money). Whether you think this ministry is for you or not, pray that God will speak to your heart about that decision.

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