

Operator's Manual "Directions and Warnings" - Jim Burgen January 12-13, 2019

Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

Bible References: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Matthew 7:24-27

Community:

1. Who was/is the most influential man (for better or worse) in your life?
2. What is the greatest life-lesson you've learned (for good or bad) from this man?

Core:

1. Jim asked the question, "What really is true, and what really needs to happen, to end up with good men?" How would you answer that question??
2. **Read Timothy 3:16-17.** Jim used a chainsaw operator's manual as a metaphor for the Bible. What are the dangerous results that can happen when men don't follow God's word in (1) their family relationships, (2) their friendships, (3) their sexuality?
3. We were cautioned that women might want to "check out" during this men's series because they might think it doesn't pertain to them. Do you agree? If not, what are some ways you think this men's series is most-pertinent to women?
4. What would you say should be the mission and purpose of every man in life? Where do you think men tend to get their identity, purpose, and strength?
5. **Read Matthew 7:24-27.** At this point in your journey, can you trust Jesus' promise that (if you follow His word) you'll weather the storms of life? If not, why?

Challenge:

As we begin this new men's series (whether you're a man or woman), find the time this week to read over 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and ask God to open your eyes to where you need *taught, re-proofed, corrected, and trained in righteousness*—to become the man or woman of God you need to be; *complete and equipped for every good work.*