

My name is Steve Basht and I'm the Area Director for Susquehanna & Delaware Coalition for Men's Discipleship with Man in the Mirror. I want to thank Scott Marsh for providing this forum to men with a heart to reach other men for Jesus Christ. Thank you for providing a place to share resources and experience with other men of common passion and interest. I look forward to writing topical articles and posting valuable information in the months to come.

Man in the Mirror is a national ministry that provides resources and proven strategies to men's leaders and pastors with the goal discipling their men. As an Area Director my vision is for every church in my area (parts of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) to disciple every man to give men an opportunity to establish and flourish in a relationship with Jesus Christ!

If you are on this site you more than likely have been called to work with the men of your church or you are in the "Battle for Men's Souls" as a leader or a pastor. We all see and know of men who are really struggling in the world today. Many of us have a heart and a desire to reach men with the life changing power of the gospel, but we struggle to understand how and find traction in our efforts. Many leaders and pastors have had their fires smolder out because of a lack of resources and effective processes to reach men. I know, I was one! I was called by my pastor and I believe God to help reach the men of my congregation in Rising Sun, MD. I started with a study Bible and questions. We had a small group of 5 guys who would religiously attend Wednesday night study and the monthly pancake breakfast, but we were not growing and we were especially not reaching the younger men.

One day I stumbled upon Man in the Mirror's website and the free resources they had available. We began using the free videos of Patrick Morley's Friday Morning Bible study. We began to incorporate them into our weekly gatherings. I was able to promote real topical studies that potentially spoke to every man in the church and the group grew to more than 100 different men being reached at one point or another. But I was still not gaining traction consistently; until I came across the book "No Man Left Behind" by Patrick Morely, David Delk, and Brett Clemmer. Within those pages were the answers and showed me how to create the traction for which I was looking. NMLB gave us the process to strategically reach all the men of our congregation with an eye towards discipleship; not just building a "men's ministry", but an all-inclusive discipleship process.

In the process of working in my local church, and seeing the successes of the model throughout the country, and feeling the call of Christ on my life I decided to go "all-in" and apply to become an Area Director for MIM. I was recently commissioned an tasked with building a Coalition here in Maryland. As an Area Director I will use the proven training of Man in the Mirror to work as a local "missionary," helping local churches reach and disciple their men; both in their church and community. Instead of throwing events and activities at guys once or twice a year, I'll help churches and leaders build a sustainable process that really works!

I couldn't be more excited and humbled to work with such a great organization, and potentially each one of you! I am now a free resource to churchs and their leaders. I'd love to share with you more information about how we can grow your discipleship efforts.

I will be posting more information and sharing more resources as time goes on. I thank Scott for this opportunity to share and I look forward to maybe meeting many of you soon. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is any way I can serve you or your congregation.

Until every church disciples every man!

Blessings!

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