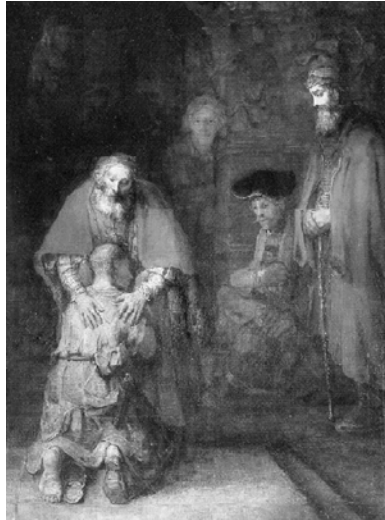


Prodigal "THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RETURNED"

A JOURNEY OF FREEDOM, HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION FOR MEN



CRAFTSMAN LEADERSHIP

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Welcome To Craftsman Leadership

Leadership in Prodigal is a natural outcome of the healing and transformation God has given us in this ministry. As we have learned throughout our experience the life of faith, love and of prayer is a life marked by giving. As a leader in this ministry there are certain requirements and standards which need to be maintained if you are to lead men into the heart of our Triune God of Grace. With Integrity, Intensity, and Intention, leadership becomes an honor and a privilege. The pages that follow outline what is expected from Prodigal leaders along with some helpful guides for group facilitation and process, as well as a two-year monthly reflection section for the Craftsman journey.

Remember, Prodigal is a highly relational ministry and has to be if men are to be called out of isolation and into community, freedom and the light of the kingdom of God. As the Father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son welcomes his Younger Son back into his family and invites the Older Son into the banquet and celebration, likewise you are welcoming all who participate to the Lord's Table. Keep in mind, the confessions you hear, the struggles you help care for are not yours to bear. Jesus desires this burden and He alone can bear these sins, He did that on the cross. You are a guide and mentor on the journey, praying for the men under your care and those who lead beside you.

You need to be available to the men under your care. That will mean phone calls and visits to the workplace or meetings over coffee. You will know what is needed and what you can do in your schedule for the men in your group. Also, you will need to set boundaries as far as time and availability and what your Prodigal 'hours' are going to be. That will look different for every leader and with every relationship you develop in your group. One thing that is important to keep in mind is to meet with your co-leader regularly and pray for each other and the men in your group. Do not stretch yourself too thin, God is doing the work here.

A central element to the Craftsman journey is the participation in a two-year cycle of monthly reflections named *Coracles*. These monthly reflections are avenues of prayer, spiritual formation and community building not only for Prodigal but for your family as well. Being immersed in these reflections tie us into a rhythm of life and a connection to a larger and more in-depth vision of Jesus and community that will enhance and shape the specific Prodigal ministry as a weekly place of rest and Sabbath. These reflections are for your use as a Prodigal member and your payment for the year covers donation costs. These reflections are also designed to be used with

your spouse, family and small group. If you plan to use these with your spouse/fiancée or one friend there is a monthly suggested donation of \$10/month for that use. If you plan on using these reflections for a group of three or more or for your family there is a suggested monthly donation of \$25/month for that use also. You can send those donations directly to the Eighth Day Community <http://8thdaycommunity.org>.

Intercession for your group member, leaders and the ministry as a whole is essential. Being available to your group members means a consistent presence of faith and of love in men's lives as well as in your family. Hospitality means to welcome the new-comer and making all in this ministry feel at home and at peace. Remember to read your Bible and to take time to 'rest' in the Lord and be renewed yourself. This is a high calling and one to be taken with Integrity, Intensity and Intention.

Soli Dei Gloria!

The Prodigal Team

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Leadership**

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INTENSITY
INTENTION**

Congratulations! Now that you have completed both the *Apprentice* and *Journeyman* phases of the Prodigal Ministry, it is time to prayerfully consider leadership in this ministry if you have not already taken up that challenge. We want to take this time to thank the Lord for His goodness and graciousness in affording us new friends and new-found freedom in His transforming work. Our hope and prayer is that you have drawn closer to the Father’s heart, through Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit! Soli Deo Gloria! ***To God be the Glory.***

Action Plan for Craftsman Leaders

As Leaders it is the time to review and revise our Action Plans. With this plan, we desire to have every obstacle listed that needs our attention. Along with listing the obstacle, list also how an opportunity for growth and Christ-likeness is happening even in the midst of our challenges. Now that momentum is building and we have discovered the power of the Holy Spirit at work in freeing us of our “chains,” it is no time to let up. Satan will not let up; he seeks to exploit every weakness. Covenant with your small group and leadership group to continue to pray for one another, be in contact with one another, work at what is needed and serve in any area you can. **DO NOT ISOLATE!** Stay in community and accountability and list below exactly how that is going to happen. Remember, being in leadership means leading in boldness and in humility in learning to give wisely. Let us lead the journey together!

| Obstacle/Opportunity | Action Taken | Accountability |
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