

Group Vision: To grow in Godly manhood together. Sharpening each other as iron sharpens iron (Prov 27:17) through the relational concept of Paul, Timothy, & Barnabas.

- Paul: Godly mentor that disciplined Timothy. The one that pours into the less experienced and wise.
- Timothy: Hungry mentee that sought discipleship. The one who seeks a wiser man to pour into him.
- Barnabas: Relatable friend and encourager to Paul in ministry. The Godly close friend that you can rely on.

The Four Seasons of a Man's Life:

- Fall: Season of influence and evaluation
 - Age 40-60
 - Evaluation of life so far
 - What are my achievements?
 - Are they really fulfilling?
 - Do I have dreams that remain unfulfilled?
 - Can my mistakes be redeemed?
 - This stage is where there is danger of the midlife crisis
 - Restless, maybe because of unfulfilled dreams or regrets he believes can't be resolved
 - If a man finds that his life has been meaningless up to this point in light of eternity, he is very susceptible to falling into this
 - Example: I have accomplished X achieving fortune, but in light of leaving a legacy and how I've impacted others.. it doesn't matter.
 - This pitfall typically plays out with guys turning to reliving his youthful years to escape the pain of the realization of his life not having real meaning
 - Pitfalls look like excessive spending on recreational gadgets (cars, boats, trips), alcohol, gambling, pornography, or even extra-marital affairs
 - **Luke 12:34 – For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**
 - **Mark 8:36-37 – For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?**
 - There is only one way to live a meaningful life
 - **Matthew 6:33 -- “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”**
 - What does seek first the kingdom mean and how is this a model for how we should live our life up to the point of getting to this fall stage?
 - **Luke 10:27 -- “He answered, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.”**
 - Level of influence: If you're in this stage, then you have a certain level of influence. You are positioned to make bigger impact for God and his Kingdom right now more than at any other season of your life so far
 - Incredible opportunity to accept responsibility of your influence – to be creative and to use your influence to lead courageously
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- Winter: Sage
 - Age 60s +
 - This stage is marked by wisdom, experience, and respect.

- The greatest lie in this stage is that men in this stage lack purpose and can't contribute as much. They are ESSENTIAL to discipling men.
 - **Proverbs 20:29 – The glory of young men is their strength, but the splendor of old men is their gray hair.**
 - **"Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding to the old," says Job 12:12,** reminding us of the value of speaking with older adults.
 - **Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety**
- This stage is a great opportunity to give your guidance and advice to younger aged men
 - They are more comfortable receiving from older men.
 - Usually a season where there is more time and as such, more opportunity to invest
 - **Proverbs 27:17 – Iron sharpens iron as one man sharpens another**
 - **Titus 2:2-12 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.**