

## **Men's Advance (2014)**

### **Discussion Questions**

#### **The Main Theme:**

“Manly Courage” is our theme for 2014 — “Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

#### **Friday, February 28, 2014**

Session #1 (7:00 PM), Marcus Serven – “The Courage to Believe in God’s Covenant”

Key Texts: Genesis 17:7; Deuteronomy 7:6-11 and 10:12-22; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

1. As Christian men, what is the basis for our courage? Where do we find our hope and endurance?
2. Is there any difference between the courage that an unbeliever displays from that of a Christian man?
3. Faith in God and his covenantal promises is vital for manly courage and covenant-keeping on our part. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? What key Bible texts shed light on this subject?
4. What examples of manly courage can be found in the Bible and in Church History? Name some.

Session #2 (9:00 PM), Scott Brown – “The Courage to Order Your Personal Life”

Key Texts: Matthew 7:21-29; Mark 8:34-35

1. Though it might not seem so at first, some of the truest tests of courage happen in fulfilling the “little” duties of our personal lives—what “little” responsibilities do you tend to avoid and shirk?
2. According to Jesus, what are the marks of a Christian man? Why would these involve courage?
3. For you, what are the top three areas in your life that you must courageously face and change?

#### **Saturday, March 1, 2014**

Session #3 (8:30 AM), Scott Brown – “The Courage to Lovingly Lead Your Family”

Key Texts: Joshua 24:14-28; Ephesians 5:25-33

1. Christian men need to provide leadership for their family. Self-centeredness, though, can cause men to be either tyrannical or apathetic. How does God break this destructive cycle in Christian men?
2. What does the Bible say are a man’s responsibilities in shepherding his wife and children?
3. A coward shrinks from his duty in the home. What would it take for you to better serve your wife and children as the Bible instructs? How can you encourage others in Christ and they encourage you?

Session #4 (10:45 AM), Marcus Serven – “The Courage to Loyally Serve Christ’s Church”

Key Texts: Matthew 16:15-18; Romans 12:3-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; 1 Peter 2:4-12

1. Serving the church takes hard work and courage, and relationships in the church can be difficult and risky at times. How could you better serve your church and support its leaders? Name some areas.
2. Will we, as Christian men, have the courage to make commitments to one another and thereby uphold God’s vision for his church? Who are three men/boys in your church you could regularly pray for?
3. Name two of the “one another” statements found in the Bible that you really need to work on.

#### **Saturday, March 1, 2014**

Session #5 (1:30 PM), Scott Brown - “The Courage to Stand For Christ in Your World”

Key Texts: Isaiah 2:10-22; Matthew 10:32-33

1. The Christian man has a duty to proclaim Jesus Christ in all the primary areas of his life—wife and children, extended family, workplace, neighborhood, local community, region, and world. When it comes to standing for Jesus Christ, what is your strongest area and your weakest area?
2. What would it take to embolden you to stand for Christ with more confidence in your weakest areas?
3. Many Christian men fear personal rejection and persecution for the sake of Christ. How might the Lord help you overcome this fear? What examples can be found in the Bible of overcoming fear?

Session #6 (3:45 PM), Marcus Serven – “The Courage to Trust God for Your Future”

Key Texts: Psalm 37:3-9; Proverbs 3:5-10; Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 3:13-15; Hebrews 12:28-29

Following this talk we will hold an informal Q&A time with Scott Brown & Marcus Serven