

The Men We Need

Responsibly vs. Apathy



Talk It Over

Message Summary

Godly men reject apathy and own their choices. From Adam's passivity to Jesus taking our sin, real manhood means leading with love, burying blame, and taking responsibility at home, work, and church.

Key Scriptures

I am going where everyone on earth must someday go. Take courage and be a man.
1 Kings 2:2 (NLT)

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13 (ESV)

But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.
1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.
Genesis 2:15 (NLT)

*When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. ⁹ Then the Lord God called to the **man**, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." ¹¹ "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."*
Genesis 3:8-3:12 (NLT)

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's a responsibility you once avoided that later helped you grow?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: [Here](#) (Available Mondays)

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- Why did God call to Adam first in Genesis 3:9, and what does that show about owning our choices?

Start Sharing

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- What makes it hard for us to take responsibility in the moment, even when we know it's the right thing to do?
- How can we help each other end apathy and lead with love in our homes, friendships, or work?
- What one step of responsibility will you take this week to lead well in a key relationship?

Start Praying

Jesus, You took responsibility for our sin. Help us bury blame, end apathy, and lead with love in our homes, work, and church. Grow courage in us to own our part and follow You. Amen.

Start Doing

This week, pick one area you've avoided; at home, work, or faith and take a clear step to own it. Come to group next week prepared to tell your group what you chose and what happened.