

THE SENTINEL GROUP

THE PLEDGE

I AM A SENTINEL AND CONTRARY TO THE PREVAILING BELIEFS OF THE
WORLD, I AM MY BROTHERS KEEPER

Resources, we got them.

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If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, How will you compete with horses?
Jeremiah 12: 5

So you want to set up a group?

Great idea! Be prepared for the journey God has *for you* as you reach out. Your group can be a light in the community and a place for men to experience camaraderie but there are a few basic ingredients to make sure your group is functioning at potential.

- Don't go it alone. There was always Paul *and* someone. Remember Barnabas? Silas? Timothy? Sentinel groups are facilitated by *two core* members rooted in Christ
- Use your local Church. Let your men's ministry or leadership *know what you're doing*. It can be a great referral source, provide resources and support your efforts.
- Be consistent. Pick a meet time and stick with it. Don't chase a group! How deep you want to go may decide your location i.e. public or home based study?
- Limit the size of your group. After 7 it gets hard for all to be heard and people start feeling like a number again.
- Use a resource for your meetings. Study a book or character from the Bible. Facilitate a book study.
- Commit. Give it six months to a year. God takes time to build things. Sometimes we don't see the work He's doing
- Use the Network. At SentinelForChrist.Com you can find instructions for posting your group and lots of resources.
- Hang On! God can use your group to meet the needs of men just like you looking to push deeper in their journey!

WHAT'S FIRST CONTACT LOOK LIKE?

If your team knows the person that's simple, invite them! But if someone's is brand new arrange a meeting at a coffee shop. Take time and ask them "their story." This can help them feel more at ease in their first encounter with your group and avoid a potential mismatch. People have different types of experiences and wounds. There may be other resources more appropriate.

SFC helps men grow and break free of the past through camaraderie with other men so we flourish in our relationship with God and the people God has placed in our lives. Many of us have pushed through life's adversity or personal loss by several years while some are just starting their journey. All are welcome.