



TIDEWATER REGION = HUGE OPPORTUNITY



In late 2017, **The Gathering of Men** merged with **Noble Warriors** and invited us to begin serving churches in Tidewater, helping their equip men to walk with Christ and lead well. We hosted our first **Noble Man** conference in Yorktown on October 13th at Coastal Community Church. **The day was great and men were impacted.**

MINUTE WITH MIKE

I finally met CJ Stewart in person a few weeks ago!

I first encountered CJ after reading an article that a pastor's wife shared. **CJ is a wounded vet who launched Camp Down Range when he returned from Afghanistan, and he is committed to helping young guys step into biblical manhood.** He hosts 'boot camp' experiences to create physical and emotional stress that lead to spiritual pliability.

CJ is now a member of the National Coalition of Ministries to Men. **Through NCMM, he's connecting to other men who disciple men.** It was great fun to introduce him to other men who had served our country and are now in ministry as well as ministry leaders who leverage outdoor experiences to connect men to the Creator.

Your partnership helps Noble Warriors participate in the NCMM (where I serve as President) and extends our impact all the way to Jackson, Mississippi, where we get to encourage 29 year-old CJ Stewart as he points young men to Jesus. I'm hopeful that CJ will join us next year as a workshop presenter at one of our conferences!

▶ **Let's pray together that God will raise up other young men like CJ to invest in the next generation of godly men!**

Learn more at CampDownRange.org

IMPACT MOMENTS

"I wore my Dad's jacket so I could feel close to him"
Steve Coble, Keynote

"What are you going to do with the rest of your life?" *Tom Joyce, Keynote*

"Don't trade what God is offering for the broken cisterns of the world." *Purity workshop*

"I learned a new strategy to deal with shortcomings and blind spots in my life." *Identity & Purpose workshop*

"I'm glad I came with other men from my church so we could attend different workshops and compare notes."

"I usually take notes. I was just frozen in the intensity of his life's' stories."

"Just one word. Wow!!!!"

My biggest takeaway from launching work in this region is that there is **HUGE** opportunity here! **The Tidewater region is a ripe field for men's discipleship...** especially through churches who serve military connected families. We're already connecting to pastors and church leaders to serve them throughout the year. We're also partnering with other ministries like **FamilyLife, Cru Military, Equipped.Life** and others to help point men to Christ.

Remember, our conference ministry gives us visibility and posture to serve churches throughout the year. **The real work of serving and resourcing churches for men's discipleship happens throughout the year.**

- ▶ **Pray for the men who shared these comments.**
- ▶ **Pray with us that we'll engage new relationships and rekindle old ones with churches and leaders in Tidewater.**



"Camp Down Range is my way of staying in the fight, of still serving. Through Camp Down Range, I found a way to continue being a warrior."

- C.J. Stewart



CHARLOTTEVILLE - Regional Team Kickoff

We love to report on new work! Bill Ward and Kevin Wirt worked together on a successful launch of a new Regional Team. **Sixteen men, representing five different churches across the region, met together for the launch.** Regional teams meet together about 8 times annually for training, encouragement and prayer to help local churches disciple men.

▶ Join us in praying that God will add more Noble Warrior Regional Teams to our network in 2019.



NW FAMILY UPDATE

I want to dedicate this update to a special member of the NW family.

Much of what you see and experience from Noble Warriors would not happen without Laurie Harrison. I tell folks that she's like a (short) big sister who knows that her little brother (me) would screw up most things he touches without her help. She corrects and edits, organizes, plans, and generally points me (and many others) in the right direction. **My family and I are thankful for Laurie and Stan's selfless investments in the ministry of Noble Warriors.**

Laurie was diagnosed with breast cancer just before our Noble Man conference in Yorktown. She's in the process of meeting with doctors, specialists and others to chart a course of action. Detours like this are never part of our life plan but God uses them to shape us, grow our faith and ultimately bring Him glory.

▶ Please pray with me and our team for Laurie and Stan as they navigate this journey.