

## CATALYZING MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH

**MULTIPLICATION** is a big deal. Ministry multiplication is a **HUGE** deal! We love encouraging churches to train men for ministry and deploy them to engage others.

The mentoring initiative you helped us launch early in the summer has already produced fruit that will soon multiply.

We recruited and coached seasoned men to mentor/disciple younger men. **The results are even better than we expected!** All parties want to continue meeting together to share wisdom and encouragement. The seasoned men see their key role as both obligation and opportunity. And the obligation is not a heavy one; it's a responsibility to share the benefit of God's wisdom and blessing in their lives with younger men. The younger men are recognizing the valuable insights they can share with even younger men!

## Check out what they have to say!

Friends, thank you for standing with us in prayer and partnership as we develop this strategy to help churches engage in intergenerational ministry.



Google and Siri have lots of facts, but they don't have faces with emotion. They can't share the joy of victory over sin and temptation, or the wisdom learned throughout a lifetime of work, marriage, or ministry. We all have facts at our fingertips. But men of all ages are starving for authentic relationships. You're helping us create a pathway for multiplied ministry as we prepare to share our *Titus 2 Catalyst* project with other churches!

Thank you for being a champion for men!

Serving Adventurously,

Mike Young

**WHAT IF I TOLD YOU** one of the simplest ways to disciple your family involves your favorite meal? We've been talking about September as National Family Meal Month around here for several years because I know turning mealtime into family discipleship time impacted our family.

We are officially empty-nesters this year, with our youngest daughter Hannah going off to school, so those memories are meaningful. And as spread out as we all are now, we still gather as often as possible with as many of us as possible, even if it's virtual.

Secular research also confirms that eating meals together as a family has a significant impact on the health and wellness of our kids, physically, emotionally, and socially. **But how is that even feasible with today's challenging family schedules?** 

Follow the blog this month as we explore tips on making the most of any meal you can grab with your family and turning it into a **fruitful** time for discipling your children or grandchildren.

"Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord." Psalm 128

- Praise the Lord for the relationships that were launched through our mentoring project.
- Pray for our team as we develop *Titus 2 Catalyst* as a shareable mentoring resource for churches.
- Ask God to help you make family mealtime a priority. Encourage another family by asking them to join you.



## **BATTLE BRIEFING EVENT**

Look for more photos and details next month about this ministry update event that took place on August 30th!







## **FAMILY UPDATE**







It's quiet at the Young house. The nest is empty. But **STACY AND I** still find plenty to keep us busy and are developing new hobbies. One is watching kids for young couples so they can enjoy a date night. It's a fun way to practice grandparenting skills!

**HANNAH** has started her adventure at The University of Lynchburg. She's told us several times that she's bored, but things are starting to ramp up. She's plugging in to some club teams and Cru activities. Thankfully, she's close enough that we can visit her for dinner!

**BEN** started his senior year at NC State. He's glad to be back in Raleigh. He's leading a college small group for his church and serving in the pre-school ministry.

**ZACH** hit a challenge recently when an electrical issue caused his truck to catch fire. Good news, he was eating lunch in it (engine off) when he noticed smoke, and thankfully, he was able to put the fire out. He's waiting for it to be repaired.

**TIM AND CAROLINE** finally got into a house on post. Their furniture and household goods are due to arrive by October 3. There are lots of other little kids and plenty of playgrounds on post, so **OWEN** is making new friends!