

September 2020



THE NOBLE MAN TAILGATE

Men are hungry to connect with other men and see the Kingdom in flesh! Your partnership helped 100 men from 15 churches experience corporate worship and encouragement from the Word on Friday, August 28th.

In spite of the crazy heat and humidity, our beta test of **The Noble Man Tailgate** was a success. Men worshiped enthusiastically and were challenged to walk with Christ and lead well.

Gary Freeman (Fatherhood and Family Program Manager for Care Net) challenged men to **live lives worthy of imitation**. (1 Thess. 1:6)

The core of my message was to follow Jesus' example from Philippians 2 to **be empty, humble and obedient as we engage others**.

Four groups of men **enjoyed tailgate time** featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, steak and bacon wrapped shrimp!

Here are some comments from the guys about their 'take-away' from the event...

- I need to empty myself and be a better listener.
- Is my life worth imitating?
- I need to live so that others see Christ in me.
- I need to do away with the 'old' man and be more like Jesus.
- My focus needs to be on the kingdom, not the world!
- It was fun meeting new people and enjoying fellowship with church members.

▶ Thank God with us for a strong first step and great response from the men!

▶ Pray with us that this vehicle will allow us to reach more churches across the state and help them launch men's small groups where men learn to walk with Christ and lead well.

Check out photos at NobleWarriors.org/Tailgate-Moseley



MINUTE WITH MIKE

Listen...

I'm learning. It's a slow process.

My tendency is to solve problems and fix things. I also love information and data. And, I love to be right. **So, as I'm listening to someone, I'm often crafting an answer or response. Do you ever do this?**

My natural inclination to share my thoughts or idea in rebuttal style is not typically helpful and often comes across as judgmental and confrontational. So, when a friend pointed me to Philippians 2, I camped out for a while.

Here are a few highlights...

In humility count others more significant than yourselves Philippians 2:3b. I need to follow this example more closely.

I also need to follow Jesus' example here...

But emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men and being found in human form, he humbled himself by become obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:7-8

We're living in a season of COVID stress and racial unrest. There is much value in doing what Jesus did... true manhood is willing to be empty, humble and obedient. **Let's seek to listen, care and serve rather than speak and judge.**

THE NOBLE MAN TAILGATE TOUR

The Tailgate event on August 28 was a trial run. The response was quite positive so we're evaluating and making adjustments in preparation for a fall tour. We'd like to do 5 or more of these in the fall. Our goal is to find **strong host churches** who will partner with us and **a team of local leaders from at least 10 churches** to mobilize their men and others.

Here's how you can help...

1. Pray that God will give us clarity about next steps.
2. Let us know if you, your church or your region may be a great stop on the tour.
3. Shoot us an email (Mike.Young@NobleWarriors.org) so we can prayerfully consider the possibilities.

FAMILY UPDATE

TIM AND CAROLINE celebrated 1 year of marriage on September 1. It's hard to believe they've already been married a year. Be on the lookout for a special 1st year of marriage podcast with them!

ZACH is back at VT wearing his mask and serving as Company Commander for Kilo Company in the VT Corps of Cadets. He and a buddy are preparing to lead a group of guys through the 33 Series: A Man and His Design!

With Zach gone, I'm **BEN'S** assistant mechanic. I helped him pull another transmission in August. We do have to jack the truck up a bit higher! Ben's Tuesday night men's group is up and running again!

HANNAH has started school! She's doing a combination of home school co-op and public-school classes. This arrangement leaves much time for babysitting!

I got a year older in August (but not any wiser!) Our small group with young couples is meeting in person again under the pavilion at our church. **STACY AND I** delight in the opportunity to invest in these young couples!



THE NOBLE MAN LIVES WITH SEXUAL INTEGRITY

Our podcast theme for the month of September is Sexual Integrity. Be on the lookout for interview with guys about how Satan uses sexual sin to destroy men, marriages, families and churches. Jesus is the key to victorious living. **Listen and share these episodes as we post them!**

This month's guests include:

Steve Etner
The Purity Coach

Marshall Shank
PROVEN Men

Sam Black / Nate Larkin
Covenant Eyes & The Sampson Society

Mike
Personal Story

