



INVITATION LETTER

Thank you for your interest in Ordinary Men, a powerful group focused on growing in your relationship with the Lord. The Holy Spirit has put you on the heart of the leader of your local Ordinary Men group, which is exciting for many reasons.

In Acts 4:13 (NIV), we read, “When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” This is our heart for you and every other man that steps forward to be a part of this intentional discipleship process: That despite being “ordinary,” our boldness, rooted in love for Christ and others, would transform the world around us.

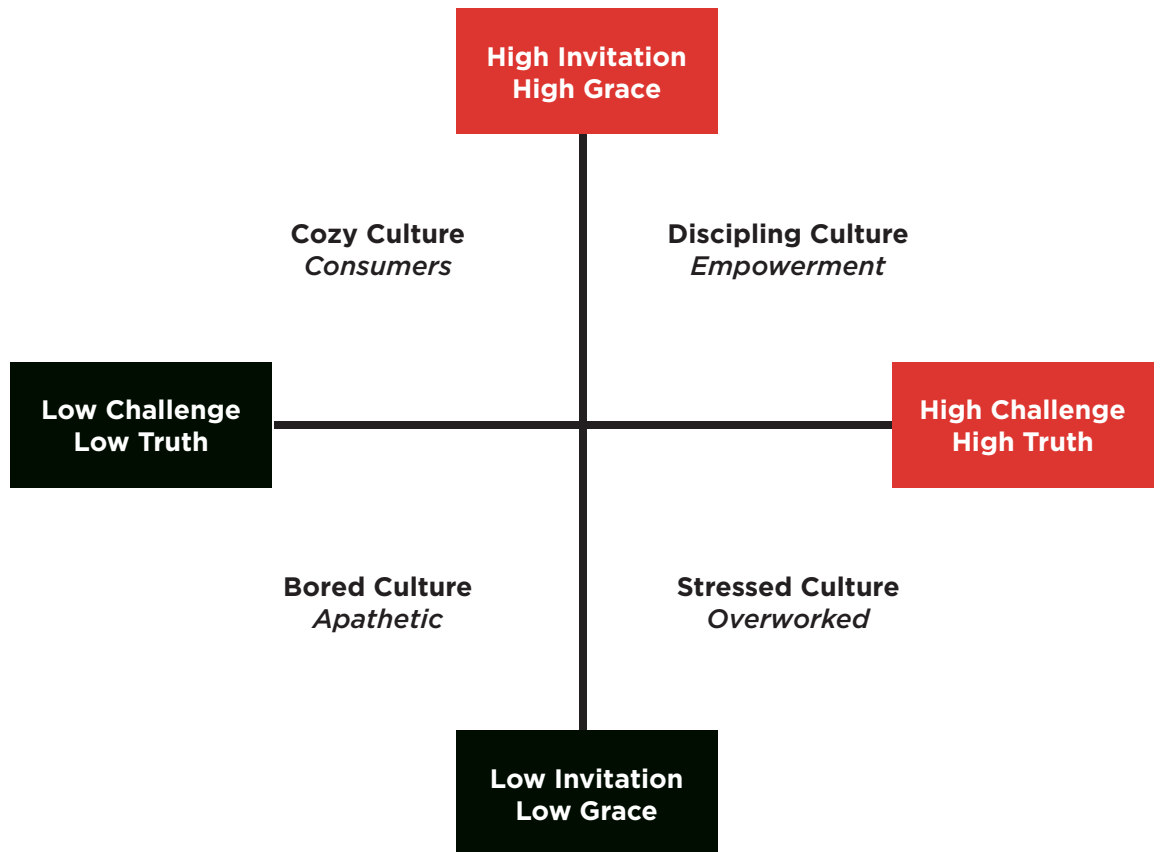
What is Ordinary Men?

Ordinary Men is a group of men just like you - men who have a heart for Jesus, who seek to be discipled, and who aspire to disciple others - in short, a group of Ordinary Men. This group is committed to a year-long intentional discipleship process that will help you to grow in Intimacy with the Lord, to engage in Intentional Relationships with other men, and going forward, to Multiply in your family and your sphere of influence. This is our creed. While our curriculum supports this process, the real fruit comes from your pursuit of Jesus, both in secret and in community. Your leader will facilitate and guide your group through the process, but you stand to gain the most when you engage in and adopt the process as your own. This is your journey; the more you own it, the more you will grow.

Ordinary Men groups are high-invitation and high-challenge. (See diagram on next page):



HIGH CHALLENGE HIGH GRACE





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We believe this environment creates a culture that empowers those involved. Too often when it comes to our faith, we create low-challenge environments in an effort to attract more people. However, society is bored with low-challenge, and we quickly become consumers versus empowered disciples.

Ordinary Men believes that men are tired of being coddled, and with a high challenge, men will step up and become empowered in their walk with Christ. Below are some details of what to expect from your Ordinary Men group if you accept this amazing opportunity:

Meetings:

Your group will meet for an hour every other week at a predetermined time and place decided by your group leader (e.g. - every other Tuesday morning at 7:30 am.) These meetings will be held in person or via video conference, depending on what works best for your individual group. Your group leader will give you details on days, time and platform (video or in person.)

Please review the schedule in advance and weigh carefully if this is a commitment you can make. Your attendance and commitment are critical in your own growth and the growth of other members who are counting on you. We find that the breakthrough in community disciplines such as vulnerability, accountability, and confession come from a place of relationship, which takes time and repetition to form.

Time / Attendance:

Being on time and present is expected. When you accept the invitation to join this awesome opportunity, you commit to being on time and being present. The studies are highly discussion-oriented, and strong attendance is paramount for your success and the success of the group. It is understood that this group is a priority and other than in extenuating circumstances, you are expected to be in attendance. Remember this is high-challenge, but that is what makes these groups thrive!



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Relationships:

Studying the Bible together is only part of the vision of Ordinary Men. Discipleship is the reason we exist. You can read more about the organization in our “About” document. In addition to our bi-weekly study meetings, the Ordinary Men discipleship process works via intentional relationships. Meeting bi-weekly (opposite our study meetings), with the group or with one or two other members in an informal activity is expected. We encourage living life together.

Come Prepared:

Each bi-weekly study meeting will require time in study and preparation. Don't worry- it won't consume a great deal of your time. It is expected that you will come prepared to bring what God has put on your heart in each meeting. These meetings are centered around discussion, and your insight or revelation may be just what another person needs to hear. When group members come unprepared, they cheat not only themselves but others in the group as well.

Honor:

We honor each person in the group. We do this by staying true to the items listed above. Additionally, we do this by keeping private what is shared in private. Ordinary Men groups should be a safe place to share. We honor the members by walking with them, not by talking about them.

It is our prayer that you will join this high-invitation, high-challenge group. We are confident that when “ordinary men” encounter Jesus in an intimate way, the power of the Holy Spirit will create extraordinary results in and through our lives. May the same be said about you!

If you have additional questions or are ready to take the next step toward joining Ordinary Men, please reach out to the leader who sent you this invitation. You can also find more information at theordinarymen.com.