



IMAGINE:

Your Church, Men and Boys
in Active Discipleship

CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT
DISCIPLESHIP IS ALWAYS
CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT CHRIST.
DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

THE GREAT COMMISSION: AS YOU
ARE GOING, MAKE DISCIPLES . . .

MATTHEW 28: 19-20

A pastor plays a key role in leading his congregation to ministries that produce **DISCIPLES**. This task is overwhelming at times. It is important that discipleship does not get lost in the busyness of ministry. Christian Service Brigade supports them in their ministry of discipleship.



The boys and young men in your congregation are looking for older men who will spend time with them **and model what it means to be a godly man**. This occurs most effectively in an all-male context.

Scripture teaches and scientific research confirms that the needs of a boy change as he grows. This is why our DISCIPLESHIP PATH (a 15 year spiritual roadmap), includes resources that are, by design, age-appropriate and boy-approved.

Many dads long to have authentic conversations with their sons but have no clue of how to do so. Brigade can help break the cycle of fatherlessness.

DISCIPLESHIP

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your church having a 15-year discipleship path for your boys and young men.



Brigade provides the tools and map which the church and men need to help your boys become godly men.

Steve Grove, President, CSB Canada

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your teenage guys graduating high school able to stand firm spiritually; ready to face the world with Jesus Christ as their leader, the Holy Spirit as their guide and fulfilling their calling in the Kingdom of God.

We need to engage boys differently than we engage girls...

Gregory Jantz & Michael Gurian

If a man does not find those things for which his heart is made, if he is never even invited to live for them from his deep heart, he will look for them in some other way.

John Eldredge

GOD CALLS THE CHURCH TO BE A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS. JOB 29:11-12



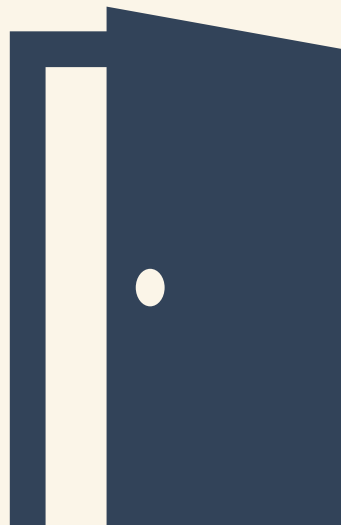
You have men looking to do something big for God. What if that next step was discipling the next generation of men? **IMAGINE** what your church would look like if your current generation of men took responsibility for the spiritual development of the next. **IMAGINE** having home-grown godly young men equipped by your own male leadership.

CSB partners with national men's ministries to help your church provide everything your men need to **GROW** in Christ and minister in their strengths. CSB can help you challenge your men to work for Christ, and then equip them to disciple the next generation.

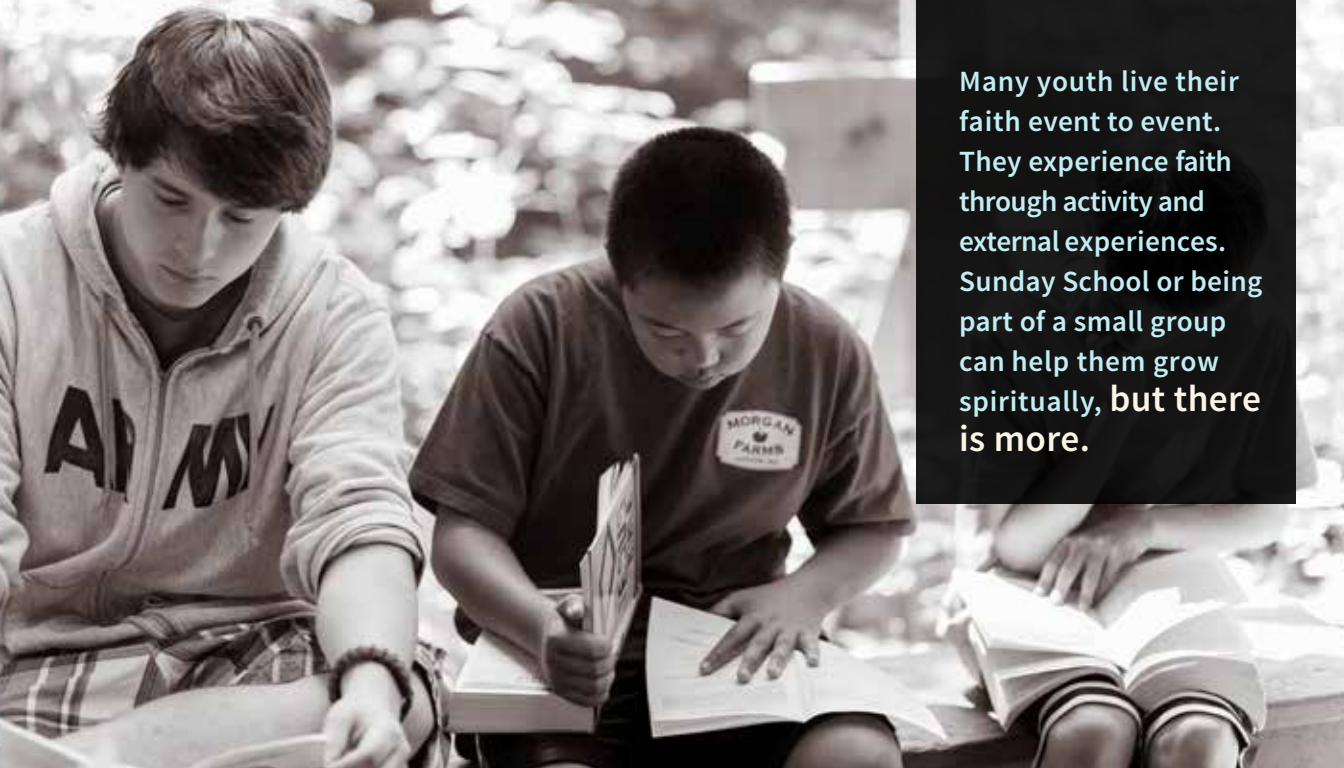
MINISTRY TO MEN

Your friendship with my husband was used by God to completely change our lives... Your friendship, man to man, enabled him to find life...You will never know how much you did for our family by being a friend to my husband. Wife of a CSB Leader to a Brigade Chairman

**HAVING A BRIGADE MINISTRY IN YOUR
CHURCH OPENS UP THE DOOR OF NEW
OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR MEN—MEN
WHO MAY NOT FIT ANYWHERE ELSE OR
WHO ARE WANTING SOMETHING MORE.**



**THERE IS NO GREATER JOY, PRIVILEGE, OR RESPONSIBILITY THAN TO LEAD MEN INTO A KIND OF RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS THAT JESUS WANTS. PATRICK MORLEY**



Many youth live their faith event to event. They experience faith through activity and external experiences. Sunday School or being part of a small group can help them grow spiritually, **but there is more.**

MINISTRY TO YOUTH

BATTALION

BATTALION (Ages 12 - 18)

Battalion challenges young men (Grade 7 to post-High School graduation) to reach for a goal beyond themselves, a goal that stretches their faith and instills basic spiritual habits. Battalion helps a youth form a biblical worldview and presents a template for what being a man of God is in the 21st Century. Battalion teaches leadership skills in a peer setting. IMAGINE your youth group having Christ-centered teenage men who are core leaders and influencers.

The pinnacle challenge in Battalion is the Herald of Christ. This comprehensive program is the culmination of the discipleship path the young man has been on through his adolescence.

How would you define a godly man in our society today?



CSB's Seven Points of Valour sets a template and challenge for young men to pursue.

- ◆ HONOUR
- ◆ CHIVALRY
- ◆ LOYALTY
- ◆ DEDICATION
- ◆ COURAGE
- ◆ PURITY
- ◆ OBEDIENCE

IN MY 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY TO YOUTH, NEARLY ALL OF THE MALE STAND-OUTS IN CHRISTIAN MATURITY, LEADERSHIP, INTEGRITY, RESPECT AND SERVICE TO OTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN A BRIGADE UNIT AS WELL AS THE YOUTH GROUP.

PASTOR JOEL W. FISCUS



Studies consistently show that younger children learn faith best from their parents. Studies also show that children have reached major developmental milestones by the time they are 5 or 6 years old, things that will stay with them as they mature through adolescence into adulthood.

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN



TREE CLIMBERS

(for children ages 4 - 7)

Tree Climbers (for children in Preschool to Grade 2) is designed for and built around the father and child. They come and participate in activities and projects together each meeting. The child is exposed to and encouraged to incorporate basic spiritual habits into their life, habits that the father models each meeting. Where dads are unavailable, uncles, grandfathers and men of the church are encouraged to shepherd the child. IMAGINE the child seeing and hearing God at work in the men as well as in the stories that finish off each meeting.



STOCKADE

(for boys ages 8 - 11)

Stockade (for boys in Grades 3 - 6) takes the older boy's development into consideration, helping him understand the world from a biblical perspective. Using Jesus' experience in Luke 2:52 as the model, Stockade helps a boy grow in wisdom and strength and builds his relationship with God and with people.

... EVERY BOY IS DESIGNED WITH A DESIRE FOR HEROIC GREATNESS. GREGORY JANTZ AND MICHAEL GURIAN

AGES 4 - 7

AGES 8 - 11

AGES 12 - 18



The four-year **Tree Climbers** ministry emphasizes the establishment of spiritual habits that will serve the boy for the rest of his life. The Tree Climber logo with the tree points us to Psalm 1, which reminds us that the man of God is like a tree, deep roots and bearing fruit in season.



The four-year **Stockade** ministry builds on the foundation of Tree Climbers and emphasizes the holistic growth of a boy. The Stockade logo, with its Blockhouse “compass”, reminds us of this four-point emphasis of Jesus’ growth as found in Luke 2:52.



The seven-year **Battalion** ministry continues to build on the previous ministries and sets the definition and challenge of becoming a “godly man”. The Seven Points of Valour challenge the young man to “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.” (1 Corinthians 16:13).

CSB'S 15 YEAR DISCIPLESHIP PATH

*Mentoring is the key to leadership success on a consistent, long-term basis . . .
Organizations that continue to build leaders in this fashion . . .
are the ones that historically sustain their position for the long term. **Tony Dungy***

This 15-year discipleship path is a spiritual “roadmap”, equipping today’s men of the church to build godly men of tomorrow. Discipleship is not a sprint; it is a marathon. It takes time, effort, resources, and above all, relationships. Christian Service Brigade comes alongside the church’s existing ministries to help the church fulfill the Great Commission of discipleship to its men, boys and families.



IMAGINE

the men in your congregation becoming spiritual leaders in their homes.

IMAGINE

boys thriving in an action-driven setting where men are building relationships with them.

IMAGINE

your male leadership developing within your congregation.

IMAGINE

having the tools to reach boys and their families in the community.

IMAGINE

having a vital ministry to single-parent families—fatherless boys
having several men speaking hope and spiritual truth into their lives.



BENEFITS OF PARTNERING WITH CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE

If you make disciples you will always get the church. But if you build the church, you will rarely get disciples. Effective discipleship builds the church, not the other way around. Mike Breen



Effective church growth is not about adding programs—it is being wise with available resources and intentional in the selection of ministries that are discipleship-centric. **The church's commission is to go and make disciples.**

Set the challenge for your men with the vital ministry of discipling the next generation.

A CALL TO ACTION

CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE OVERVIEW

Godly men taking responsibility to serve, lead, and disciple each generation

- ☑ Action-Focused
- ☑ Relational
- ☑ Single-Gender
- ☑ Comprehensive
- ☑ Flexible

Core Program Elements include:

Games, Action-Focused Activities, Engaging Stories, Personal Achievements, Leadership Development and Group Discipline components — all designed to help Men Disciple the Next Generation.



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"Bright and Keen for Christ"



TREE CLIMBERS: Grades K-2

TC is FATHERS AND SONS

TC is FUN ACTIVITIES

TC is LEARNING SPIRITUAL HABITS

TC is the FIRST STEP



STOCKADE: Grades 3-6

Stockade is LARGE GROUP

Stockade is SMALL GROUP

Stockade is ONE-ON-ONE

Stockade is MENTAL, PHYSICAL,
SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL GROWTH



BATTALION: Grades 7-12

Battalion is MEN

Battalion is YOUNG MEN

Battalion is LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Battalion is SERVICE

Battalion is BECOMING A GODLY MAN



HERALD OF CHRIST:

HoC SETS A BIBLICAL STANDARD OF
GODLY MANHOOD

HoC is CSB'S PINNACLE
RECOGNITION

HoC LEADS TO INFLUENCING THE
WORLD FOR CHRIST

HoC is A DISCIPLESHIP PATH



MINISTRY TO MEN



Men step up to serve in ministry where they are confident they can make a difference

MINISTRY TO WOMEN



Women have more support in the ministry to children and youth.

MINISTRY TO YOUTH



Battalion provides context for young men to mature in single-gender male setting without distraction

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN



TREE CLIMBERS: Dads take active role in a child's spiritual growth

STOCKADE: Several godly men speak into a boy's life

CSB COMPLEMENTS



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rather than replaces your existing ministries.



CSB TRAINS . . .

your men, equipping and empowering them to disciple the next generation.



CSB PROVIDES . . .

a 15-year spiritual roadmap helping a boy navigate his spiritual journey, reaching maturity by the time he graduates high school.

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