

PAUL ROOS DAD TEAM CHALLENGE 1



Theme: Finalising Team of Dads and Rite of Passage

Objectives

- Identifying a group of dads that you can share the journey of fatherhood with
- Clarifying the different expectations of the fathers in this group
- Discussing and planning what you as a group would like to achieve
- Planning and performing a rite of passage for your son upon entering the high school years

Team of Dads

Identifying dads who are fathers of friends of your son is obviously ideal and it will also be helpful practically if you live in the same area. How you put this group together, however, is up to you. The point is that we do not change as much through events (like the camp) as we change through process (like the journey with the fellow dads). The idea of the team of dads is not to overload your busy schedule with more things to do, but to create a support system that will ensure that the most important things get done!

Size of group: Three to eight fathers

How often to meet: A minimum of twice a year...more regularly is recommended!

When to involve the boys: Up to you to decide when involving them is necessary, but at least one event per year.

Clarifying expectations: It is important that the team members have the same outcome in mind. Find consensus on WHY you are together as team. Determine what the needs of the group are. This may range from collectively investing manhood principles in your sons in a group setup to simply getting help with tips on establishing boundaries in the home.

Suggestion to get going: Find a two hour slot where you can meet as team of dads to discuss what you learned at the camp or what you have read in the book and plan your support of one another in the process of implementing these lessons. This is possible despite the hectic schedules that all of us have! At this meeting, also discuss a rite of passage for your son.

Rite of passage

Cassie explained the concept of the "rite of passage" on the weekend. Please consult the relevant slide in his presentation on this. Robert Lewis also discusses practical suggestions on this in *Raising a Modern Day Knight*. You can also visit the following link on the website of *Focus on the Family* for tips on how to conduct a rite of passage.

http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/building_relationships/rites-of-passage-for-your-son

The aim of the rite of passage is to affirm your son and send him into the phase he is now entering with the right values and character (and your support!). Decide beforehand what the main values and character traits are that you see in him. Affirm and encourage those! You can consult the PRG Code of Honour for some help. Also read Matthew 3:16-17 for further background.