SHAPE - Intro

Weekend Discussion Questions
August 8-9, 2015

Community:

1. In your opinion, what would you say is the hardest thing about being a man or woman today?

2. Be brutally honest, what was your initial reaction when Jim Burgen said we were beginning another "men's series"?

Core:

1. Would you agree that men are failing in our world? How have you seen them failing? Are there areas where you have failed?

2. What kind of impact does it have on women when men behave as God intended? What is the impact on families and kids?

3. **Read Proverbs 27:17**. Who in your life *sharpens* you? How do men (and women) sharpen one another?

4. *For men:* what are the messages you received from your father about what it means to be a man? *For women:* When you look at the men in your life, how have the messages they received concerning what it means to be a man marked them—for better or worse? *For both:* How have those messages impacted what you believe about yourself? How have those messages impacted what you believe about God?

5. **Read 1 Corinthians 16:13.** Based on who you know God to be, what does Paul mean when he writes "*act like men, be strong*"?

6. This weekend, Jim said, "*A woman can take a boy from infancy to boyhood, but it takes a man to take a boy from boyhood to manhood.*" Do you agree? Why do you think it's significant for a man to speak into the life of another man? Do you have examples of where that has happened in your life or the life of someone you know?

7. **Read 1 Samuel 16:7**. When God looks at your heart, what do you think is the first thing He sees that is good? And what would you say is the thing that He sees as bad?

Challenge:

Think about the characteristics that you associate with manhood and write them down. As we go through the next 5 weeks of SHAPE, see how your list compares to Jim's.