



Men's War Council

DESCRIPTION:

The Men's War Council is an intentional discipleship community composed of men who love Jesus, are committed to FBC as a spiritual family through Covenant Membership, and are open to God's call on their lives to grow in spiritual leadership in the home and the church.

The purpose of the War Council is intensive life-on-life discipleship, study, and spiritual growth, focused in eight key areas: Bible, spiritual formation, theology & worldview, leadership, friendship, masculinity, marriage & family, and work.

The War Council will be a training ground for leaders in the church, in particular for future elders. However, eldership is neither a guaranteed nor required expectation or outcome for every participant.

VISION:

The War Council is an elder-led model of Men's Discipleship, embodying FBC's vision for a culture of discipleship with the purpose of raising up disciples who make disciples.

COMMITMENT LEVEL:

Participants sign-on for an entire calendar (January-December) with regular 2-hour meetings twice each month. Regular attendance, minimal absences, and active participation are expected.

This includes a commitment to:

- Regular and comprehensive Bible reading and study;
- A growing private and corporate prayer life;
- Covenant membership, regular attendance, and participation in the life of the church;
- The adoption and practice of spiritual disciplines;
- Regular participation in a DNA group with other members of the War Council; and
- Service in ministry.

CULTURAL VALUES:

The War Council is intended to be a trustworthy place of openness, authenticity, truth-telling, prayer, accountability, encouragement, exhortation, humor, and learning.

PARTICIPATION:

War Council will run in year-long cohorts (January-December). Men can join a cohort in January via application. Most cohorts will run for two years, although there is no requirement to commit to two years at the outset.

A potential elder candidate at FBC will be required to spend a minimum of one year as an active member of the Men's War Council prior to entering into an Elder Apprenticeship.