## **STRAIGHTFORWARD PLAN—PROJECT PLAN CHECKLIST**

## Challenge 4— FATHER THE HEARTS OF OUR CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN

The timeline below is a guideline; feel free to adjust or shorten as needed.

Stride	Weeks Before/ After Kickoff	Plan for the Challenge, Cast the Vision, Include ALL Your Men, Deliver Content, Celebrate	Who?	By When?
	-16	Recruit new leaders for this challenge, using Process One in the Helpful Tools section of this notebook.		
	-14	Choose Fri. night/Sat. morning OR Sat. format for <i>Dads That Make a Difference</i> :		
	-14	Choose whether to use MIM speaker or your own:		
	-13	Choose date(s) for <i>Dads That Make a Difference</i> event: If using MIM speaker, call MIM at 800-929-2536 to discuss date/speaker.		
	-13	Send in completed seminar contract and Scheduling Fee.		
	-13	Decide whether or not to establish a mentoring program for the youth without father figures.		
	-11	Download Faith & Life Objectives (F&LO) card and pre-challenge Assessment form from website and modify as needed with team.		
	-11	Reserve the room for <i>Dads That Make a Difference</i> and add to church calendar and website. Read Manual that comes with seminar kit from MIM.		
	-11	Finalize leadership team for Challenge 4.		
	-10	If establishing a youth mentoring program, begin researching and preparing.		
	-10	Finalize the event promo plan, using guide in the Manual that came with the seminar kit.		
	-9	Get the pastor's sign-off on the F&LO card and pre-Assessment. Print one for <i>every</i> man.		
	-9	Create distribution plan for the F&LO cards and Assessments.		
	-9	Begin studying the book No Man Left Behind with the event team, if not done in previous challenge.		
	-9	Determine your Disciple Every Man and "Hands" activities, using checklists provided.		
	-8	Begin promoting <i>Dads That Make a Difference</i> , using your plan and the seminar kit Manual.		
	-8	Start asking men to lead the Capture groups (4-week follow-up)—1 per 8 men expected.		
	-7	Begin holding weekly leadership mtgs for event coordinators (roles in seminar Manual).		
	-6	Make sure leaders are in place to lead the Capture groups.		
	-5	Pass out F&LO cards and Assessments to leaders.		
	-4	Weekend Services—Announce The Journey and Challenge 4. Show the promo video. Build excitement!		
	-4	Gauge interest in mentoring/being mentored among your men. See Disciple Every Man ideas in this section.		
	-4	Various leaders should distribute the F&LO cards and Assessment forms to all men in small groups, classes, sports activities, etc.		
	-2	If you need more Life Plans and Session Outlines for the event, contact Man in the Mirror.		
	-2	Continue distributing cards and distributing/collecting Assessments.		
	-1	Hold meeting for men interested in mentoring/being mentored. Invite them to the four-week video study.		
	0	Kick off Challenge 4 with the Dads That Make a Difference event.		



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	0	Connect men directly into follow-up groups BEFORE they leave the event.		
	1	Invite ALL men to join the Capture groups.		
	1	Follow-up groups meet for the first time; fathering groups use the Life Plan and mentoring groups use the video Bible study. Group leaders should distribute F&LO cards and collect Assessments as needed.		
	2	Plug men who aren't directly participating into other small groups and ongoing ministries. Use Disciple Every Man suggestions.		
	2	Order the Dad in the Mirror books and Iron Sharpens Iron for Sustain groups.		
	3	Ask all existing follow-up group leaders if they'd like to continue leading a group for the next study. Replace and recruit as needed.		
	3	Announce Sustain step in existing groups <i>and</i> church-wide. Re-communicate the F&LOs.		
	4	Have guys agree to continue Sustain study the following week and give new guys an opportunity to get into groups. Reform groups as needed.		
	5	Begin studying Dad in the Mirror or Iron Sharpens Iron, depending on group type.		
	6	Help men outside of the groups stay engaged in the challenge, using Disciple Every Man ideas.		
	7-14	Give men an opportunity to put what they're learning into action, using a "Hands" suggestion from the checklist. Advertise them church-wide to ALL the men in the church.		
	13	Download post-challenge Assessment form. Modify as needed and have the pastor approve. Print one for every man in the church.		
	13-16	<i>Iron Sharpens Iron</i> has 8 chapters for mentors and 10 for mentees. Use the extra 2-4 weeks to help men form mentoring relationships.		
	14	Choose date/time for the celebration cookout: Invite pastor and leaders.		
	16	Have the small group leaders distribute the post-challenge Assessment in the final week of the study. Men should complete it based on how they're living their lives <i>recently</i> . Collect.		
	16	Distribute and collect post-challenge Assessment to all the men in the church during weekend services, classes, and other groups. Aim to keep these separate from the Assessments of the men who participated directly in the men's-only groups.		
	17	Make sure all Assessments have been collected. Create a report; keep the results of the participants in the men's-only groups separate if possible. Share the report with your pastor & team.		
	17	Ask men who led groups for names of men who particularly benefitted from Challenge 4.		
	17	Meet with team. Finalize menu and agenda. Be creative! Incorporate humor, testimony, and activities for any young children.		
	17	Announce the cookout and invite ALL the men and their children (and mentored youth, if applicable).		
	18	Ask the men recommended by the group leaders to share their stories with you or another team member—either by email, video, or at the celebration. Ask for permission to share.		
	19	Celebrate with your men at the cookout! Announce the results of the Assessment, remind them of their F&LOs, pray together, share testimonies, and enjoy!		
	19	Announce Challenge 5! Ask men to consider, "Who's missing?" and invite others on The Journey from outside the church.		