

Klesis Ministries

Proclaim this among
The Nations,
"Prepare for war!
Muster the champions!
Warriors, advance,
Quick march!
Hammer your
Plowshares into swords,
Your sickles into spears,
Let the weakling say,
'I am a fighting man!'"

(Joel 3:9-10)



Men's Retreat Ministry
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The call to intimacy with God...

Why a Retreat?

In repentance and rest is your salvation. In quietness and trust is your strength. (Is. 30:15)

Men today are working hard to balance mounting responsibilities in a world that has its foot heavy on the gas pedal with little patience to wait for any who choose to slow down. From the moment the alarm sounds in the morning, it's... Go! Do! Accomplish! The going, the doing, the accomplishing are not necessarily bad things. Sadly, however, far too many men go through their busy days without a thought about what God might have for them to do.

In the garden, God gave work to Adam. At the same time, Adam enjoyed God's presence and knew Him intimately. It was out of this intimacy that Adam received his work and performed it. Christian men still hear the call to work—it's a part of life. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* To receive our work from God, it is so important to spend time with Him and listen for His voice. Klesis retreats are designed to help men find the time, quiet the heart, learn intimacy with God, and listen. But not just for a day or a weekend. We teach this intimacy and listening to God as a way of life.



Klesis Retreats for Men

- **Teach** Christian men how to listen to God.
- **Show** men a Biblical vision of godly masculinity.
- **Help** God's men live every day in the grace of an intimate relationship with their King.
- **Heal and strengthen** God's wounded and broken sons.
- **Motivate** the sons of the Most High God to "step over the line" in wholehearted service to their Lord and King.
- **Challenge** men to fight the good fight of faith with courage and obedience.

Klesis retreats are uniquely designed for small groups of 15-25 men who will walk closely together for 26 hours, helping one another hear God's voice and take the steps necessary to follow their King in building His Kingdom.

The call to build the kingdom...

Klesis Ministries teaches that a Christian man is...

- A radically new creation.
- Called to loyalty/fidelity to God above all else.
- Called to struggle well—*agonia*.
- Called to live for Someone greater than himself.
- Called to a masculine community of brothers fighting the same battle.
- Called to deep intimacy with the Servant King.
- Called to join God in His redemptive war.
- Called to embody God's revealed truth in a life of sacrificial love. To preserve and protect that truth and to pass it on.
- Called to courage—to persevere and endure in the face of fear, hardships, disappointments, obligations and responsibilities.
- Called to humbly face his brokenness and, by grace, learn a yielded, repentant heart.

A Klesis Retreat includes time for:

- Listening prayer
- Biblical teaching and reflection
- Response and discussion
- Decision-making
- Helping brothers connect

Retreat Leaders



Kit McDermott, Director of Klesis Ministries, led his first men's retreat in 1986. In 1990, he and his wife, Tricia, founded Klesis. He works with men in the areas of inner-healing, marriage counseling, vocational counseling, spiritual direction, individual Immersion and group Listening in Christ retreats. He is an ordained elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Simsbury, CT, and serves as Director of The Center for

Renewal, the church's retreat ministry. He and his wife, Tricia, have been married 29 years and have three children.

Jim Baumberger's interest in men's ministry began during his time in seminary where he organized a weekly fellowship group in his dormitory so that he and his classmates could help one another in the challenges of ministry life. An ordained minister, he has served churches in Connecticut and New Hampshire. Jim's passion to see men come to understand godly masculinity has led him to establish a variety of small men's groups in Simsbury, CT, where he also attends Covenant Presbyterian Church, serving as Pastor in Residence.



Joshua Stamper has been leading worship for the past twelve years in many different contexts—from church settings to national conferences. *"And we will be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is"* is the central principal that informs his writing and his leadership in worship. Josh is a composer and jazz musician whose compositions have been performed from the New England area to Brazil to Tunisia. He is currently on the music faculty at

Suffield Academy in Suffield, CT.

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About Klesis Ministries

In 1990, Kit and Tricia McDermott launched Klesis Ministries in Simsbury, Connecticut.

Klesis' mission is to draw men and women to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ so that they can freely respond to his love and passionately obey His call to follow Him wholeheartedly. To that end, the emphasis of Klesis is to:

- teach Christians how to listen to God's voice
- provide inner healing to free them emotionally and spiritually
- offer spiritual direction to help them recognize and respond to God in every facet of their lives
- offer immersion retreats to men and women (either individually or in small groups) to help them hear God
- help men and women identify and use their natural gifts

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