LEADER'S NOTES

SESSION 1

1. Be aware of the running time of each DVD. You need to start each session at a time that leaves you at least 30 minutes for small group discussion.

2. The presentation of *The Quest for Authentic Manhood*™ is best delivered in the following format

   - 6:00-6:10 a.m. Arrival (with upbeat music playing), coffee, hand out workbooks if men haven't already received them
   - 6:10-6:15 a.m. Welcome and introductory comments by host using creative elements (movie clip, etc.)
   - 6:15-7:00 a.m. DVD message (some messages run longer than 45 minutes)
   - 7:00-7:05 a.m. Leader gives concluding remarks, directions, and reminders
   - 7:05-7:35 a.m. Small group discussion
   - 7:35 a.m. Music plays, signaling the end of the Men's Fraternity

3. Make sure each man has a workbook.

4. Every man should be in a small group of no more than six men. Men are encouraged to come to Men's Fraternity with their small group already formed. It is best to be with men you enjoy and relate to for the series. Those men who come without a group should be put into a new small group or assigned to an existing one after the first DVD message. The leader should initiate the formation of groups and make assignments through the first four or five sessions as new men keep coming.

5. Every small group should select one man to lead the small group discussion. His assignment is to lead the men through the small group questions at the end of each session in the workbook. No training is required for the small group leaders. All that is involved is simply reading the "Questions for Your Small Group" aloud and facilitating the discussion.

6. You might want to start this opening session with a movie clip. We started Session 1 by showing the launch of the Apollo spacecraft in *Apollo 13*. A movie with a great race scene would also be appropriate since this session is entitled, "At the Starting Line." You will need someone who is skilled at editing movie clips to make sure they are short, concise, and effective.

SESSION 2

1. An edited movie clip from *Gladiator* showing the four faces of Maximus would be a wonderful way to start this session.

2. Continue to invite new men to meet with you at 7:00 a.m. when small group time begins. Place these newcomers in new groups or add them to existing groups.

3. You might want to conclude this session by sharing which of the four faces you need the most help with and why.

4. Always start on time and end on time. Men need a predictable schedule they can count on. Do not run over!

SESSION 3

1. Before this session begins, familiarize yourself with the "YOUR MANHOOD PLAN" in the workbook on pages 92-95. Robert will talk about these plans in his video message.

2. Conclude the DVD session at 7:00 a.m., re-emphasizing the importance of the Manhood Plan.

3. Before dismissing the men into their small groups, you might want to show them a picture of your family as a boy and make a few comments.

SESSION 4

1. Mention briefly again the Manhood Plan that was discussed last week. Tell the men that the next 10 sessions will deal specifically with the "Looking Back" part of the Plan. This section of the Manhood Plan must be completed after Session 13.

2. After the DVD session, share with the men the wound you could most identify with and why. Model transparency with the men before their small group time.

SESSION 5

1. Before the session begins, show a clip from the movie *Field of Dreams* about the father-son relationship.

2. After the session, share one word or phrase that describes how you remember your dad. Then encourage the men to open up about their own dad in the small group time.

3. Are your sessions running on-time? Is the quality of the room and the presentation high?

SESSION 6

1. Before the session begins, show a clip from the movie *The Rookie*. The end of this movie says a lot about facing the father wound.

2. At the end of this session, give away a copy of *Raising a Modern-Day Knight* by Robert Lewis.

SESSION 7

1. Find a movie clip that shows a controlling mom in action.

2. Encourage the men before their small group time to be working on their Manhood Plans.

SESSION 8

1. Open this session by sharing something special about your mom.

2. End the session by giving away a copy of the book *Boundaries* by Henry Cloud and John Townsend.

3. Remind the men that only five weeks remain in this first semester.

SESSION 9

1. Open by having one of the men share what he has been learning in Men's Fraternity.

2. Show a movie clip about friendship from *The Three Musketeers*.

3. You could also end with a movie clip here. We suggest the 'band of brothers' speech from *Henry V*.

SESSION 10

1. If possible, close this session by having an older man share about his mentoring experiences with a younger man.

2. Tell the men that the next three sessions are very, very important to manhood. They don't want to miss them. These messages deal with our separation from God and will end in Session 13 with the opportunity to receive Christ. You need to begin thinking about how you want to handle the men who respond and how to follow up with them.

SESSION 11

1. Show a funny movie clip of some kind. Have fun at the start of today's session. Tell the men that you needed to have a few laughs because today's message is sobering. It addresses the dark side of our masculinity, our heart wound.

2. Before breaking for small groups, share how this wound has manifested itself in your own life.

SESSION 12

1. Before the session begins, remind the men about their Manhood Plans.

2. Also remind them that next week is the last week of the first semester … so don't miss it!

3. You might have some of your core men begin to pray now for the Gospel presentation that will occur next week.

SESSION 13

1. The Gospel will be shared in this session.

2. Afterwards, you need to decide what to do with men who have questions about what they just heard or who responded and received Christ. At Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock, we offer the men the opportunity to meet with a pastor for four weeks of follow-up, Bible study on the Gospel, and open Q&A.

SESSION 14

1. Begin by welcoming the men back and giving away a good book like John Eldredge's *Wild at Heart*.

2. Fathers can bring their teenage sons (ages 16 and up) to this second half of the Quest. You might want to give them a special welcome.

3. Remind the men that the first third of their Manhood Plan, entitled "A Look Back," should now be completed. Over the next four weeks, the second section of the Plan, "A Look at Now," should be worked on and finished.

SESSION 15

1. You might begin by having one of the men share how Men's Fraternity has helped him. If anyone came to Christ in Session 13, it would be great to have him share his new faith here.

2. Check the quality of your meetings at this point. Is everything running well? Is the quality still high? Is every man in a group?

3. After the session, encourage the men to consider having an extended small group time next week by going out to breakfast together.

SESSION 16

1. Start with a fun movie clip of sports highlights or bloopers. Tell the men that today we're going to look at the biggest blooper in human history … the fall of man.

2. End by sharing one new insight you received as a result of today's session.

SESSION 17

1. Interview some of the men at the beginning by asking them, "What is a man?" After their answers, tell them that the sessions today and next week will provide a definition of manhood from a biblical perspective.

2. Afterwards, remind the men that section two of their Manhood Plan ("A Look at Now")
should be completed in the new two weeks.

SESSION 18

1. Before the session, hand out a copy of the Manhood Plan Samples (found on the CD-Rom) to every man. Go over these briefly before the session begins. Remind the men that these are working drafts, not final Manhood Plans.

2. After the session, share your thoughts on the biblical definition of manhood that was given.

3. Encourage the men to share their "Leadership Questionnaire" with each other.

SESSION 19

1. Begin by quoting the biblical definition of manhood and have the men memorize it together.

2. Show a humorous movie clip on marriage.

3. Afterwards, remind the men that they should begin working on the third section of the Manhood Plan ("A Look Ahead"). The Manhood Plan should be finished in its entirety, typed and turned in to you at Session 23.

SESSION 20

1. Begin with one of the men sharing how Men's Fraternity has helped him and then give away a copy of *Rocking the Roles: Building a Win-Win Marriage* by Robert Lewis.

2. End by reminding the men that there are only four more weeks to go!

SESSION 21

1. Begin with a humorous movie clip on marriage.

2. End by sharing which of the "25 Ways to be a Servant-Leader" challenged you personally.

3. Also, remind the men that there are only two more weeks until their Manhood Plans are due. Tell them that turning in this plan is a prerequisite to participating in the manhood ceremony.

SESSION 22

1. Begin with a current movie clip about dads.

2. Remind the men that their Manhood Plans are due NEXT WEEK!

SESSION 23

1. Start with a movie clip from *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* where the guy is asking the dad if he can marry his daughter. It's very funny!

2. End this session by sharing your personal feelings about the last two messages. What has impacted you the most? This session may have sparked some controversy … and that's okay. Everyone does not have to agree with what Robert said, but they do need to react to it.

3. Have the men turn in their Manhood Plans. Make sure they have their name on it so you will be able to compile a list of graduates to honor in next week's graduation ceremony.

SESSION 24

1. Today is the FINAL DVD session and, in lieu of the small group time, a celebration of manhood.

2. THE MANHOOD CEREMONY is meant to serve as both a celebration of the year AND, for many men, an induction into authentic manhood. Remember, for most men, there has never been a moment when they could say, "Today I became a man." For these men, you can make this day their "day of manhood."

Be as creative and elaborate as you want. Here is an outline of what we did:

- Lights in the room are dimmed.
- A candle is sitting on each of four candle stands on stage. In the middle is a large sword imbedded in a "rock."
- As we begin … four men, of various ages, come on stage one at a time, light a candle, and shout out one of the four elements of the definition of biblical manhood: "Reject Passivity!" – "Accept Responsibility!" etc.
- The host then comes up and thanks the men for a great year. He also thanks those who have helped him. He then takes the sword from the rock and gives a final charge to the men.
- Each man who turned in a Manhood Plan then has his name called and he walks to the stage where the host calls out his full name and "knights" him with the sword and says, "Go, show yourself a man!" The host then gives the man a medallion imprinted with the definition of manhood to go on the man's key ring.
- After every man's name is called, the host invites all the men to the stage where they lay hands on one another and conclude with a final prayer of commissioning.