

General Leader Guidelines for *The Great Adventure*™

SESSION 1

1. Men's Fraternity™ is best offered in a "two semester" format. The first semester –Sessions 1-11– should start in September and end the first week of December. The second semester – Sessions 12-20 – should begin in January, after a Christmas break, and finish in March.
 2. By far the best attended meeting time is on a weekday from 6:00 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. It is necessary to block out 1 ½ hours to allow for at least 30 minutes of small group time. (The small group time is so important that some men who cannot stay until 7:30 a.m. arrange to have lunch or breakfast later in the week for their small group time.)
 3. The presentation of *The Great Adventure*™ series is best delivered in the following format:
 - 6:00-6:10 a.m. Arrival (with upbeat music playing), coffee
 - 6:10-6:15 a.m. Welcome and introductory comments by the leader
 - 6:15-7:00 a.m. DVD message
 - 7:00 a.m. Leader gives a few concluding remarks, directions, and reminders
 - 7:00-7:30 a.m. Small group discussion
 - 7:30 a.m. Music plays, signaling the end of Men's Fraternity
 4. Be sure every man has a workbook.
 5. 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 as it is best to be with men you enjoy and relate to for *The Great Adventure*. Those men who come without a group should be put into new small groups 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.
 6. Small groups 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 the each session.
 7. You might want to start this opening session (and others) with something creative. We started Session 1 with a short clip from the movie, *Apollo 13*. We showed the launch segment of the movie and then the host said, "Good morning, men! This morning we're launching a great adventure of our own!"
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SESSION 2

1. Be sure every man has a workbook.
 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. Preview Session 2 before showing it. You might want to share your remarks at 7:00 a.m. around the “Big Hairy Questions.”
 4. Always start on time and end on time. Men need a predictable schedule they can count on. Do not run over!
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SESSION 3

1. Be sure every man has a workbook.
 2. Conclude the DVD session by sharing one question Robert asked today that you could most identify with and then tell why.
 3. Remind the men that *The Great Adventure* is a process! Keep reminding them that they will only begin to have answers for their great adventure by Session 20 – not by Session 5 or 6.
 4. Always preview the sessions before you present them to the men.
 5. Important: Bill Wellons introduced the *Servants by Design™ Inventory* in this session. As stated earlier in the “Before Beginning ...” notes, every man will need to take the inventory online after Session 12. The cost for the inventory is \$35.00 + the optional \$5.00 *Profile Companion*. It will be important to tell the men the cost at this point. It is their only expense in the series but a worthy one. As the leader, you need to thoroughly understand the importance of this inventory by experiencing it yourself—that means taking the inventory online and working through it with Bill Wellons by watching Sessions 12-18 in advance.
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SESSION 4

1. At 7:00 a.m., share one “plus” and one “minus” you see in the wiring of your own life. Then, dismiss the men to their small groups.

2. Build anticipation by explaining that in the next three weeks, Robert is going to take *The Great Adventure*™ ... out of this world and into the next! It would be very helpful if you previewed these next three DVDs again.
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SESSION 5

1. Be aware that in the next three sessions, Robert will not only be discussing heaven, but will also be introducing the Gospel in a seeker-sensitive way. After Session 7, you will be able to either (a) invite men to pray to receive Christ or (b) invite men to join with you or someone else to learn more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ or (c) both.
 2. At 7:00 a.m. before you break the men into their small groups, share with them how you would like to finish this life.
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SESSION 6

1. Next week, you will have the opportunity to invite men to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and/or invite anyone interested to join you or someone else to explore Christianity. At Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock, we use the *One to One* study by Robert Lewis (which will be mentioned in the DVD). However, any good Gospel exploration will work for the end of Session 7. Use the one you are most comfortable with.
 2. At 7:00 a.m., before the men break into their small groups, recommend Randy Alcorn's book, *In Light of Eternity*. This book is extremely helpful to men at this point in *The Great Adventure*™ series.
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SESSION 7

1. Share the Gospel at the end of Session 7 or invite interested men to meet with you or someone else to hear the Gospel and explore it outside *The Great Adventure*™ series. Any good Gospel presentation or exploration can be used here.
 2. Pray fervently for Session 7 beforehand. Ask God to do a mighty work in men's hearts.
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SESSION 8

1. At the end of Session 8, you will find a page labeled “Sacred Ground.” After Robert’s presentation, allow the men about 10 minutes to work on a draft of it.
 2. At 7:00 a.m., get up and share one or two dreams from your own “Sacred Ground” draft that you feel are “North Stars” for you. After this, release the men into their small group discussion time.
 3. Please note that Robert says on the DVD that he will give the men a more permanent “Sacred Ground” handout at the end of Session 11. This is called the “Life Compass.” The file for the Life Compass is found on the Leaders CD-ROM. You can take the instructions to a local printer who can produce one for each man in your men’s ministry to carry with them in their wallets. We recommend the printer use 70 lb. cover – 8.C1S paper for best results. This is a fun gift to be given at the end of Session 11. But, you need to take them to the printer now in order to have them available for distribution at the appropriate time. Note: If you prefer, you can also purchase the Life Compass online at www.mensfraternity.com.
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SESSION 9

1. Remember to get the “Life Compass” printed or ordered online.
 2. At 7:00 a.m., before dismissing the men to their small groups, share an Adventure Buster from your own life, if you feel comfortable doing so.
 3. Nine weeks in! The men need encouragement from you to keep processing and staying faithful in attendance. If you are following the “two semester format,” remind them they have only TWO weeks before finishing the first half of *The Great Adventure*™.
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SESSION 10

1. Hand out the “Life Compass” at the end of Robert’s DVD presentation next week. (You might also want to fold each of them into their wallet-sized form before giving them to the men.)
2. At 7:00 a.m., encourage the men to return next week because they are going to hear about one of the greatest adventurers who ever lived. It will be a powerful finish to the semester. Also, they will receive a “special gift” from you—the

“Life Compass” that will celebrate the end of the first half of *The Great Adventure*™.

SESSION 11

1. Start at 6:10 a.m. with some celebratory words for finishing the first half of *The Great Adventure*™. Remind the men that at 7:00 a.m. you have a “special gift” to give them – the “Life Compass.”
 2. At 7:00 a.m., before the men break into their small groups, hand out the “Life Compass.” Also, tell them the date the second semester will begin. **IMPORTANT**: Remind them they will need to take the *Servants by Design*™ *Inventory* online before returning for the second semester. This inventory was introduced to them on video by Bill Wellons in Session 3 and is the heart of all that will be taught in the final half of the series. It is imperative each man take this design inventory and have the results in hand by Session 14. The cost of the inventory is \$35.00 + the optional \$5.00 *Profile Companion*. Tell the men you will give them specific instructions as to how to take this inventory when they come back second semester in Session 12.
 3. If you have any questions about the *Servants by Design*™ *Inventory*, please call Fellowship Associates at 501-975-5050. As the leader, you **MUST BE CLEAR** about how to take this inventory and why it is important.
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SESSION 12

1. At 6:10 a.m., welcome the men back to the second semester with a creative beginning. Remind the men of they will need to take the *Servants by Design*™ *Inventory* online in the next week. Tell the men you will give them more instruction about this at the end of this session.
2. At 7:00 a.m., before the men meet in their small groups, give the men more information about the *Servants by Design*™ *Inventory*. Every man needs to follow the instructions with the test carefully to get accurate results. Since you have already taken the test, explain to them how the inventory is to be taken online at www.youruniquedesign.com and remind them the cost will be \$35.00. It will take one to two hours to complete. After taking the personality inventory, they will be emailed their results within 2 hours. Every man will need to have his inventory and profile in hand by Session 14. Sessions 14-18 will help every man understand:
 - His unique personality structure

- His unique strengths
 - The perspective from which he views life
 - The wants and needs that make him come alive
 - The resources he enjoys working with the most
 - The environments in which he can best express his design
3. Some of the men may need computer assistance. Of course, the fact that you have already taken the *Servants by Design™ Inventory*, experienced the results, and watched Sessions 12-18 in advance will be the greatest help!
 4. Thoroughly review the Frequently Asked Questions concerning the personality inventory and profile found in the Leader's Guide. Also, spend time reviewing the *Profile Companion* you purchased with the *Servants by Design™ Inventory* online.
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SESSION 13

1. Remind the men before and after the video session to take the *Servants by Design™ Inventory* online and print out their results. The men MUST bring their inventory and profile with them next week and the four weeks that follow to get the benefit of this part of *The Great Adventure™*. Let the men know they can call on you for assistance if they need help.
 2. At 7:00 a.m., as the leader, share one insight from your *Servants by Design™* profile with the men before they break into their small groups.
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SESSION 14

1. Every man should have his *Servants by Design™* profile report with him.
 2. Remind the men that these next four weeks are critical to understanding their design, so they should make every effort not to miss these next four sessions.
 3. Before you break the men into their small groups, share your answers to question 2 in the "Questions for your Small Group" at the end of the session. Answer what this says to you about yourself and how do you see it as true? Process your findings before the group before dismissing them to discuss it in their small groups.
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SESSION 15

1. After the DVD, tell the men that the *Servants by Design*TM *Inventory* is available to anyone who would like to take it. If a wife, friend, family member or co-worker wants to take the inventory, they should access the same website – www.youruniquedesign.com.
 2. After the DVD, call the men's attention to the customized Life Tips they received as part of their *Servants by Design*TM profile report. Encourage the men to read and familiarize themselves with their Connecting Life Tips, Motivating Life Tips, and Potential Pitfalls before the next session.
 3. Before you break the men into their small groups share with them the "Seven Specifics" in your profile report and what this confirms to you about your design. What insight did it offer you? Explain.
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SESSION 16

1. Before the DVD, you might share the results of your design inventory condominium and what you have learned about yourself.
 2. After the DVD and before the men break into their small groups, challenge the men as Bill Wellons did to write out a personal mission statement using the draft included with the outline handout.
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SESSION 17

1. After the DVD, you should give the men time about 10-15 minutes to work on their personal mission statements alone. Then dismiss them to their small groups.
 2. Encourage the men that there are only three sessions left in *The Great Adventure*TM. Robert Lewis will take over for Bill Wellons at Session 19. Remind the men that Session 20 will be a "graduation celebration."
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SESSION 18

1. After the DVD and before the men break into small groups, share your "one word" personal mission statement with the men.

2. Encourage the men that there are only two weeks to go and that next week Robert Lewis will be helping us put everything we've learned in *The Great Adventure*™ together!

SESSION 19

1. After the DVD and before the men break into small groups, tell the men that part of the “graduation celebration” next week will be a time of sharing. Encourage every man to be thinking of one personal, life-changing benefit of this year's *The Great Adventure*™ series that he could share with the group.
2. Encourage every man not to miss graduation next week!

SESSION 20

1. The following is a suggested outline for your *Great Adventure*™ graduation:
 - Begin with a welcome.
 - Show the DVD. Robert Lewis will give a final charge to the men.
 - Recognize those who helped make *The Great Adventure* series a success. Call each of these men up front and present them with a “thank you” gift you feel is appropriate.
 - Hand out microphones and let the men who participated in *The Great Adventure* share how it has changed their lives.
 - Call the men together give them your own charge. Be creative here. If possible, you might want to give your men some kind of token to take with them to remind them of *The Great Adventure* they are on. At Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock, we give our men a commemorative coin for their key rings with the phrase, “Take the Land” on one side and “Take the High Ground” on the other. You may order the commemorative coin at www.mensfraternity.com.
 - Offer a concluding prayer and launch the men out.