

Men's Events

Description of the activity

We encourage all towns and villages to have at least one event that specifically aims to reach men with the gospel. **Why?** Men are under-represented in our churches and the Walks offer an image of Christianity that might be attractive to non-Christian men. We hope to give you a range of ideas here (because men are not all the same!).

Many churches develop family and children programmes which is great but many men feel left out of this process. It has been proven that if a mum comes to Christ, the children may also but if the dad comes to Christ, then it is very common that the family does also.

And of course there are many single men out there.

Relevant

- Many men shun church as “irrelevant” to everyday life so we need to address the issues of their world (examples below).
- Work. They might come to hear how faith makes a difference to someone in a tough job (or handling work ethics, stress, etc).
- Dads and lads. Many men struggle with parenthood. A fun event with a message can really meet needs.

Food and fun

- Food attracts grizzly bears – and men! There is a separate sheet on meal-based evangelism.
- Real ale night or wine tasting. This might not suit your church, but if it does, then an event like this in a pub or brewery with a talk at half-time or the end can work well. Jesus made lots of good wine!

Sports and activities

Not all men are sportsmen, but many love a challenge.

- 5-a-side football, cricket, golf day, other sports will attract those who like these things and offer a good amount of time with them.
- Ten-pin bowling, darts, pool, etc can offer the same amount of fun but maybe easier to access for the less sporty!

Where possible use an interest of someone within the church who has a network already to form the nucleus for a good event. Team members will join in and one can give a talk at some point.