# **Ministry Purpose**

The Wildmen desire to be a connecting point where men of all ages and all walks of life can grow in relationship with God. We are passionate to see the hearts of men set free, and to engage with their families and each other in a masculine yet loving way. We believe that God has called every man for a grand purpose, and our focus is to help men first discover and then fulfill their

God-given purpose in this world.

Our aim is to provide an atmosphere where men can feel comfortable, discovering where the reality of their life meets God and His purposes.

> We want men to connect with other men in a real relationship that promotes growth, caring, and mutual support. We are not meant to fight life's battles alone. It is vital that we have men in our lives that we can trust who will stand

with us.

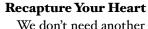


Use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will still be standing firm. Ephesians 6:13

You will have the opportunity to experience Wildmen at your own pace. However, the platoons (small groups) which meet at the end of our meetings are instrumental in spiritual growth and in fostering lifelong bonds of friendship.



Having a group of men to stand with in prayer, who you can count on to be there for you, who can speak truth into your life with love, is an incredible asset worth fighting for.



We don't need another bible study. We don't need another accountability group. We don't need a life that struggles with living by Christian "tips and tricks"a life governed by techniques. What we as men need is

to get our hearts back! Jesus

came to heal the brokenhearted and to set the captives free. If we have accepted Him as Lord, then He has given us a new heart, a good heart. Our task is to learn how to live in that knowledge. However, as the Apostle Paul said, our flesh wars against us. We must wage war back! But do we know how, and are we able? And even if we know how, that is not enough. A sword is a powerful weapon. However, if I am untrained,

standing in a line-up with my fellow soldiers, I will do more damage than good with my undisciplined swinging.

## **Training Ground**

We interactively study material that is designed to help every man come fully alive to take his place in line with confidence. The one thing satan fears most is a Christian man who truly knows the power that God has bestowed upon him. We actively seek to release that power.

### Teamwork

One of our favorite movie clips comes from the movie "Gladiator". On the dirt floor of the arena, amidst the chanting and cheering of the crowds, Maximus begins to speak to the other Gladiators who are nervously awaiting their fate. This is what he says, "... Whatever comes out of these

gates, we've got a better chance of survival if we work together. Do you understand? If we stay together we survive." Our desire is that no man stands alone!

#### Invitation

Jesus invites us to follow Him. So just as His disciples did, join with our band of brothers on a Monday night as we follow Him. See what God is doing in a group of men who are determined to live as warriors of the light. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at US Bank Upstairs Founders Room. See you on Monday!



Wildmen West is an Outpost for a Band Of Brothers. It is an independent site that typically does not meet in a church, although they might. Outposts minister to men from multiple church congregations, or to men who presently do not attend a church congregation. Allies are sites that are part of the men's ministry of a specific church congregation. The difference is that one is independent, and the other is a ministry of the church that they meet in or represent.

## **Our Story**

In 2002, two men started meeting together for bible study. This quickly grew to eight people who got together to study "40 Days of Purpose". From this small group, Wildmen was unleashed. Every week more and more men came. Solely as a result of word of mouth, the weekly gatherings quickly outgrew even the largest home. Designed to promote discipleship, fellowship, worship, ministry and outreach, Wildmen provides a safe place where men can gather and be men as they grow in their walk with Jesus Christ.

"As Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

And judging from the fruit of this ministry, God is up to something BIG! As individual Wildmen moved from our 1st location in Tampa, they wanted their Wildmen experience in their new town. Consequently we now have nine Wildmen locations in three states and two countries. Yes, we even have a Wildmen Ally in Australia!

What started out as eight men has grown into a multi-location ministry consisting of hundreds of Godseeking men, dozens of daily Bible reading accountability groups across America and the UK, a



Christian emergency preparedness group, an outreach ministry to single parents, and a ministry to fatherless boys. Even more important, countless families have seen the head of their home become the Godly man he was meant to be - the prophet, priest & servant-king!

Wildmen West is a direct result of that "branching out" effect. Wildmen West began in the summer of 2012 in Avalon, Catalina Island California. 5 men whose lives have been impacted by the message of "Wild at Heart" have launched their own ministry based on the message and their experience at Bootcamp. It is currently the only Outpost west of the Mississippi!



