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REGRETS CONFERENCE



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND

FOLLOW **ME**

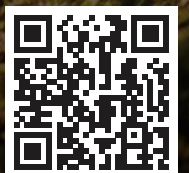
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**SMALL GROUP
PLAYBOOK**

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No Regrets Conference Small Group Host,

Firstly, I want to **thank you** for being a host for our upcoming No Regrets Men's Conference themed 'FOLLOW ME' on February 6th 2027. You join hundreds of others across the globe who get to create a setting for men to experience God that is safe, intimate and intentional for facilitating meaningful conversation. Your role in facilitating their experience is extremely significant.

The purpose of No Regrets Men's Ministry is to equip leaders like you to disciple the men in their churches and communities. This No Regrets Small Group Playbook is designed to provide you with all the tools, resources and best practices you need to host an impactful experience for your men.

As you embark on this exciting journey, our prayers for you both leading up to and beyond the event is that:

1. God would bring to you an **amazing apprentice** to lead alongside you.
2. That God will bring to your gathering many men who have not **YET** said 'Yes' to Jesus.
3. That your gathering would increase partnership and **collaboration** with churches and groups around you.
4. That there would be an increase in a **disciple-making culture** of your community beyond the conference.

We encourage you to be intentional to mentor others as apprentices, remind your invitees to be bold in their invitation, find other groups you could collaborate with and most importantly, plan for the follow-up after the conference. Please know we are here to help with any questions you may have.

Grateful to have you on our team.

'Till Every Man...

Albo Esilaba
Executive Director, No Regrets Men's Ministry

"...Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and FOLLOW ME"

— Matt 16:24



The No Regrets Men's Conference has grown from a single-church event to a live-streamed event in over 400 locations around the world. The small group experience brings men together for a community-building experience from the comfort of their homes.

The small group format allows you to tailor the event to best meet your group's needs. It also allows you to build relationships with the men you host and provides an on-ramp for future small group gatherings. You can choose the content you want from four different channels. It's No Regrets, your way.

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

For info on event schedule, times and speakers, please visit noregretsconference.org

PLANNING FOR THE DAY

Pray: Begin praying for what God is going to do in and through you and your group. Pray for the conference, pray for the men you are going to invite, pray for them to have open hearts and minds, pray for God's presence to fill you with confidence and peace. Now that you have taken the step of faith to host, pray for God to fill your home with the right men.

Find a co-leader: Together is better than alone, and that is especially true when hosting. Get together with a friend or two, share the vision and ask if they will help you co-lead this event. Partnering with another believer will be a huge encouragement to you as you work together to invite other men, discuss logistics, create an inviting space and facilitate the day.

Inviting Men to "No Regrets at Home"

There are several ways you can do this:

1. If you lead or are a part of a men's small group, use the No Regrets Conference as a small group experience. Direct your guests to the No Regrets Conference website (noregretsconference.org) and invite them to join you on February 6th.
2. If you are in a small group, you could consider inviting other men from church or the community to join you.
3. Invite men who are not connected to might not attend a church. Make a list of the men in your sphere of influence, which is wider than you might imagine. Think about the following areas of your life:

- Family
- Hobbies/Recreation
- Church
- Work
- Neighborhood

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

A personal invitation from you will be the most effective way of inviting someone to join you for No Regrets. Other ways to invite include:

- **Create a Facebook Event and/or Group** which is easy to update and builds community. The event feature is a simple way to announce the details and attach links.
- **Email:** Create a message that all the guys in your small group can use to invite their friends and contacts.
- **Speak from the heart!** Why are you hosting? What do you love about No Regrets? Share your personal testimony about the impact this has made on your life, if you've attended before.
- **Remember:** Most men wait until the last minute to respond or commit. That's OK. Invite them, follow up, and keep encouraging them to join you.

May Paul's prayer at the end of Colossians be your prayer for this event.

"Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Colossians 4:2-6

Prepare Your Home

Pick a room with good viewing, comfortable seating and accessibility to food.

Consider:

- Where can your guests park?
- Can the whole group view the conference in the same room?
- Privacy for the group as your view and discuss - find babysitters for children, pets (possibly), and interruptions
- Snacks for the group

Testing the Technology

Run a few technology tests ahead of time to make sure it all works. At the end of this playbook, there is a more comprehensive explanation of how the streaming works and how you can test it ahead of time. If you have any questions feel free to contact the No Regrets team who are here to help you.

Follow-Up Study Discussion

We offer all conference attendees a free, small group follow-up study based on the conference. The six week follow-up study will be based on talks given at the conference and it will be available on the NR App. This is a great way to continue the moment started at the conference. Discuss with your co-leaders if you will encourage the men to continue meeting for this six week study.

DAY OF CONFERENCE

Before it Starts:

- We recommend guests arrive 30 minutes before the conference start time for group introductions and a chance to explain how the day will go.
- Provide snacks which is a great icebreaker and shows hospitality. Consider coffee, juice, soft drinks, water bottles, donuts, bagels, fruit, trail mix, pizza or subs for lunch. Food always makes discussion, sharing and transparency easier.
- Name tags are helpful in groups with new guests.
- Consider an icebreaker question—see below

Welcome the Group and Share a Quick Outline of the Day's Events

1. Give them directions to the restroom, let them know to get snacks any time. Encourage respect for those watching/listening to the talks.
2. Silence phones. Taking calls and texting should be discouraged.
3. Discussion time should be respectful and everyone should feel safe to share. Avoid interrupting and not giving unsolicited advice or correcting someone.

This year's conference theme is Follow Me and the theme verse is Matthew 16:24. Consider reading the verse or the whole passage to set the stage.

Hosting Tip - Icebreaker:

To create a safe space for sharing, ask men to “tell us what you'd like us to know about you” (family, job, who invited them)..

- Avoid asking direct questions that may be received as personal or uncomfortable
- For group that are familiar with each other, ask “what is something you've always wanted to do but never had an opportunity to try or complete?”

Discussion Times:

During the breakout slots you will have a choice from four different seminars. We encourage you and your co-leader to choose the channel you want to view before the conference. After each seminar there will be a short discussion time to answer a question related to the talk. The application-driven questions will be posted on the screen.

Tips for Leading the Discussion:

1. **Facilitate the discussion; don't teach.** The facilitator helps keep the conversation going and works to engage all the guys in the discussion. Try to ask questions only.
2. **Draw people in** by calling on certain individuals from time to time.
3. **Avoid interrupting, correcting or disagreeing.** If some- one makes an unbiblical comment, ask, “what do you think the Bible says about that issue?” They may have never thought to look at the issue from a Biblical viewpoint and this is a gentle method to redirect the conversation.
4. **Help curb long-winded people** by directing future questions specifically to other people. Example: “I want to hear from some of the other guys; Mike, Peter, George: what do you think?”
5. **Ask open-ended questions.** Avoid “yes/no” questions. Ask “why,” “how so” or “can you elaborate on that a bit more?”
6. **Be okay with silence.** Be willing to wait 10-15 seconds after asking a question so guys can process their thoughts. Silence is good at times!
7. **Unity in diversity.** The guys attending your event may have different preferences and experiences in the way they connect to God. The facilitator will need to keep a spirit of unity with the group by seeking to understand and see value in the differences of others, looking for opportunities to genuinely praise the guys for their unique perspectives. Be sensitive, humble and loving to guests, and most importantly, pray for the Spirit to guide you as you demonstrate love to everyone at your event.

8. **Be transparent.** You have the opportunity to set the tone for those around you. We encourage you to be open and vulnerable so the guys will have the freedom to be honest. Be prepared to share how God has worked in your life over the years.
9. **Listen while you lead.** Your goal is to help attendees feel their presence is valued and their input appreciated. One of the best ways to do that is by encouraging them to talk!
10. **Finally, remember that your job is to help people feel appreciated and loved.** One of the greatest ways you can do that is by letting others share their thoughts and perspectives.

Concluding the Conference Time

Before releasing the guys for lunch or home, be sure to officially close out the video portion. Thank them for attending and ask if there are any last thoughts or prayer requests.

A few reminders:

1. Tell the guys about the No Regrets free mobile app so they can listen to the other speakers.
2. Your small group should serve your local church. Encourage volunteering, supporting and praying for the staff and ministries of your local church.
3. Remind them about the follow up study—there will be a six-week study based on the talks from the conference that can be used to continue the momentum.
4. Finally, conclude the time in a short prayer.

For Your Information:

- **Small Group Hosting Survey:** Our team will send you a short email survey immediately after the conference which provides valuable feedback to improve the event each year. We appreciate your anticipated input.
- **No Regrets App and post-conference media:** The No Regrets mobile App features conference media resources along with content from our Leadership Blog, webinars, podcasts and Basecamp—our small group resources supplemental curriculum.
- **Platform Speaker Sessions:** Immediately after the conference, all ten of the platform speaker sessions and 15 seminars from local speakers will be on our mobile app and our website. The app and web media resources are no charge for the attendees to enjoy after the conference and share with friends.
- **Communications with the No Regrets Team:** You were added to our email list when you signed up to host. Our coordinator will send emails as needed to update you on the conference. The emails will provide you info on how to host the conference and updates. Let us know if you need to add other people to the email list.

Leading Small Group Resources:

There are some small group training videos on YouTube that will provide more information for you:

- ***How to Start a Men's Small Group***, by Bill Search
- ***How to Ruin Your Men's Small Group***, by Bill Search
- ***Making Your Small Group Work: Five Habits of Life-Changing Groups***, by Henry Cloud, Bill Donahue
- ***Five Rules for Great Men's Small Groups***, by Vince Miller

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

How Do I Stream The Conference?

Streaming No Regrets is easy and basically requires you to have an internet connection and a desktop or laptop computer. You can also watch the stream on your mobile device or cast it to your Roku or Apple TV.

How Do I Access The Livestream After I Have Purchased?

You will stream the conference from the No Regrets resource portal. The same portal you purchased the streaming license. We will post and email you with instructions on where to access the livestream.

Which Streaming Device Should I Use?

The choice is yours! You can stream the conference from a laptop/computer and connect it to your TV or projector with either an HDMI (best) or VGA cable. You can also stream the conference on your Roku, Apple TV device or Chromecast.

How Can I Test My Setup Before the Event?

We use the YouTube platform for streaming the conference. So if you can watch a YouTube video on your computer, Roku, Chromecast, Apple TV or mobile device, you will be able to stream No Regrets. You can test by streaming our promo video on YouTube when available.

In the month of January we will send out a livestreaming test schedule. We do these on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays for the 3 weeks leading up to the conference. We livestream a past conference video on loop for several hours so you can test at your location.

West Coast Time Shifting (DVR Mode)

The conference will begin at 8:00am CT. If you are joining us from the Mountain or Pacific time zones, you are able to utilize our DVR functionality that allows you to start the event later and use the fast-forward, rewind, and pause functions.

Can I Share this Event on Social Media?

We encourage you to share quotes and experiences of the conference with your social networks, but we do ask that you do not share the live event link or your login info with anyone for any manner.

Tech Support

Prior to the event email us at tech@noregretsconference.org For the event itself, we will provide you with contact information to reach our tech team directly.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Join the conversation before and during the event. Post your comments and pictures to our social media platforms. We'd love to see your group and how you're experiencing the conference.

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