



BETTERMAN

Special Instructions to Large Group Leaders for Conducting BetterMan Session 11

As you already know, there is **no** live teaching or video presentation for Session 11. Instead, as the leader, you will guide your men through 5 important moments as you wrap up and celebrate your last BetterMan large group gathering.

Make it a high-energy finale! Put some creative decorations up in the room to make this moment feel exciting as the men come in. Add upbeat music, especially at the end when you launch your men out. Make Session 11 both energetic and spiritually meaningful!

Here is your Session 11 outline with suggestions and helpful tips:

1. Today's Celebration

Take the stage for Session 11 and begin by summing up what a great time this has been for you as leader. Share a great memory from the last 11 weeks. Then take some time and offer a big thanks to those who made BetterMan a success. First, thank all the Table Leaders. Praise them for stepping out and joining you, but most of all, for recruiting the men at their tables. Ask the crowd to clap for these Table Leaders. Then, thank your organizing team. Mention each group by name: the welcomers, set up team, audiovisual team, etc. Have some fun with this. Finally, if teaching BetterMan live, thank your host.

Turn your attention now to the journey you've just finished. Consider having a man come up on stage and share briefly how his life has been changed by going on this BetterMan journey.

When he concludes, remind the men that having a clear, manhood vision is the key to being a better man. Talk briefly about how manhood was defined in Session 5, and then **have the men stand** and with you, recite the manhood definition together.

As the leader, you call out,
"A real man..."

And let the men shout back to you, "Courageously follows God's Word!"

Then say again, "A real man..."

And let the men shout back, "Loves and protects God's Woman."

Continue in this way until you finish the definition. Then, lead the men in clapping for this clear and biblical definition.

2. Our Table Discussion Time

Next, release the men into their table groups where the Table Leaders will take over. At this time, each man should be ready to share his **Three Action Steps** for being a BetterMan which he was challenged to do in last week's Session 10. The Table Leaders will give each man 5 minutes to personally share the action steps he is willing to take to "upgrade" his manhood. After this sharing time is completed, the Table Leaders will hand out a **BetterMan Card** to each man. Each man will be instructed to write down his Three Action Steps on the back of his card using a black permanent marker. The Table Leaders will then tell the men that this card is to be carried by each man in his wallet to remind him of the personal commitments he made today to be better as a man.

3. What Now?

Once this sharing is completed, as the leader, you will call everyone's attention back to the stage. You will tell them that an important question for any man finishing BetterMan is **"What Now?"** It's a question you would like to address. To do that, you will have your tech team go to the BetterMan website and put up on the screen the **"Next Step"** options found at **BetterMan.com/Next-Steps**. There you will show the men some of the "best of the best" men's resources currently available for growing as a man. After briefly looking over these options and how they are organized around the four defining marks of real manhood, you will encourage the men to review these resources on their own in the coming weeks in order to consider what manhood studies they might want to re-group around in the future to grow better.

4. A Call to Commitment

After overviewing these possible future options, **have the men stand**. It is time for them to join with you and make a public commitment of real manhood. Done right, this can be a powerful, sacred moment. Like vows at a wedding. You are asking the men to recite after you vows to the Lord ... to be His man as defined by His Word.

You will call out each line of this commitment (each line stops at the comma), and then the men will repeat it.

For example, you will say, "Today I pledge myself,"
And the men will repeat, "Today, I pledge myself..."
Then you will say, "to a lifetime pursuit,"
And the men will repeat, "to a lifetime pursuit,"

You will follow these comma markers until this call to commitment ends with "Amen."

5. Final Words

Now with the men still standing, finish Session 11 by offering a concluding prayer of praise for this BetterMan journey.