

# THE GATHERING LOCKER ROOMS

## FELLOWSHIP TESTIMONIALS...

**The Gathering** has been part of my life for over 5 years and it has given me, solid lasting relationships with Men from different backgrounds, churches, and job fields, but we all have one thing in common - That Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior!

Sharing my thoughts, problems and feelings has always been difficult for me. Being a part of our Locker Room Group has made that easier over time. I enjoy the times as a group, that we just talk about everyday life (which is most of the Time!).

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**I have only recently been connected to The Gathering** and my Locker Room Group. However, in this short amount of time, my group has been the encouragement and accountability I have needed. It has pushed me to be consistently in God's word and growing spiritually and as a Man of God.

In addition, I am very excited for the relationships that are being build. I foresee many friendships, connections, ministry partners, and mentors being formed because of our group. This group is exactly what I needed and I'm excited to see how God continues to move through this ministry.

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**Joining a Gathering Locker Room** has been long on my list. I have finally made time. Abiding relationships do not happen accidently. I love connecting, hearing about our professional and spiritual lives. I am with a great group of guys Monday mornings at Panera Bread. God is already using these men in my life.

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**The Gathering has been an inspiring part** of my life for the last 5 years or so. I have described this experience to many by saying "I didn't know what I was missing". That is so telling for so many men who do not have good sharing relationships with other men. I started out with a lunch series invite and ended up speaking at some of those series'.

My first locker room group read "7 Men" together and I still cherish the picture we took of our 7 fists together in the center of the table as we prayed at the end. Most of those 7 men have gone on to lead their own locker rooms elsewhere, and the momentum continues to grow around the Miami Valley. It is priceless and I will continue to share with men that their testimonies are the evidence of Jesus in their lives.

The more we share WITH each other's, the more we learn FROM each other. I can't say enough how much the impact of Jeff and Chuck's hard work in the early days has led to a change in the hearts and minds of many men in our area. My personal commitment from what I have learned is that my sons need this, and I want to ensure that they learn the lesson that it took me into my 40's to learn.

Men make men stronger when we let ourselves be heard and vulnerable enough to listen to whatever insight or stinging conviction the Holy Spirit is trying to get through to us. Like iron sharpens iron. Blessings to the Gathering of the Miami Valley for all that it has done and continues to do.

Colonel Bernie Willis | 178th Operations Group Deputy Commander

**I have been blessed to serve with the Gathering of the Miami Valley** for just north of 9 years.

I often say our measuring stick for how the Gathering is health & growth-wise is our Locker Rooms.

If we have healthy, growing men, we'll have healthy, growing groups & vice versa.

Most mornings I start my day with one of our groups. Currently I'm blessed to participate in nine groups regularly. I've been the oldest in a group, youngest and some are a random. It's been a rare day that I left a group and thought that my day wasn't better because of that time. Sleep or another "Yes" simply means less.

I need other men, they need men, why not do life together. As the African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

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