

ST MARY MEN'S MINISTRY CAPTAINS BEST PRACTICES

Outlined below is a list of recommendations for enhancing small group participation.

- Regular clergy encouragement for men to prepare and participate
- Captains need to care for their table members (shepherds vs teachers).
- Captains make sure that all table members have registered on STMMM website
- Regular communication between meetings; invite, encourage, reminder
- Captains should be prepared for each session; read, research & reflect on topic
- Captains must be serious about their personal journey of faith/discipleship
- Facilitate participation from ALL members; don't let people dominate
- Before small group ends, summarize "take-aways" from group discussion
- Select someone to share one of the "take-aways" with large group
- Recognize people's discussion contributions in large group discussion
- Welcome & special focus on new members/visitors
- Create a weekly challenge & follow up on progress
- Constantly solicit suggestions for MM improvement
- Encourage men to invite someone, evangelize & discipleship