

Guys,

The track you've signed up for is called "Missing in Action: Stepping into God's Call for Men". As you noticed in the track description, an assumption we are making is that there are many boys among us but few of us know how to transition into manhood, and then move into God's unique calling for men. There are many reasons for this, but none is more profound than our own fear and lack of vision in getting there.

We're really pumped to spend Winterfest weekend together. We have some time in Scripture, Small Groups, Worship, and fun-datory planned as well. To get the most from your weekend, here are a few things I'd suggest you do prior to coming:

- 1) Read the book of Ruth. (Relax, it's only four chapters, and should take just 20 minutes to read the whole thing.) As you read it, underline or write down positive and negative examples of being man. You should notice several of each.
- 2) A couple questions to think about: Who are the role models in your life when you think of what it looks like to be a Christian man? In other words, whose life and faith would you want to model your own after?
- 3) What are the questions you have about maturing as a Christian man that you come to the weekend with?
- 4) For the week prior to Winterfest, try to do your quiet times/devotions, make it to small group, and your chapter's large group meeting. Sometimes students get crunched for time and skip these very important disciplines the week before a Retreat or Conference, but in doing so come into the weekend feeling distant from God.

We want you coming ready, trained, and hitting on all cylinders. Our hope is that as you read Ruth, think through our questions, and begin to realize what your questions are you'll feel even more ready for our weekend together as we take a few more steps in this journey of growth into maturity.

Please Facebook or email if you have any questions about the above,

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