

Faithful Fathering Ministry Update, February 2019

We are super excited to announce our SPRING PROGRAM, based on the best-selling book by Steve Wood called **Christian Fatherhood**. The **5-session** study will cover the 8 commitments of St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers, a men's movement that seeks to transform society through the transformation of fathers and families, giving dads the tools they need to succeed as husbands and fathers.

Community group meetings will start early March in order to complete by late Spring / early Summer. Click on "Spring 2019 Study Series" for more details on this exciting program. If interested, contact Phillip Dickinson via email, text, or phone at [phillipdickinson1@gmail.com](mailto:phillipdickinson1@gmail.com) or 713-702-4474 to be connected with a Community Group. A community group typically consists of 8-10 Dads and meets once every 2-3 weeks. Expected meeting times to choose from based on this past Fall include: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri nights and Saturday mornings.

During the first meeting, we'll set the stage by discussing and reviewing the first 3 "commitments" – (1) Affirming Christ's Lordship Over Our Families, (2) Following St. Joseph, the Loving Leader and Head of the Holy Family, and (3) Loving Our Wives All Our Lives. Meetings 2 through 5 will focus much more in depth on commitments 4 through 7 – (4) Turning our Hearts Toward Our Children, (5) Educating Our Children in the Discipline and Instruction of the Lord, (6) Protecting Our Families, and (7) Providing for Our Families.

Other events being considered for this year that will involve our entire Faithful Fathering ministry – including families - are as follows:

1. Houston Astros Game, Catholic Family Night, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:10pm vs. Cleveland Indians, followed by Fireworks.
2. Texas Conquest Father-Son Campout (<http://texasconquest.com/events-2/fr-son-campout-tx/>), April 5-7; Buda, TX; Boys 5 & up. Father & Son (\$150); Father & 2+ Sons (\$225). Arrival: 5-8pm on Friday; Departure: After mass and lunch on Sunday. Dads, come and spend quality time with your sons and enjoy family team based activities, guided way of the cross and meditations, mass and confession opportunities, swimming & sports, all meals provided – Friday dinner thru Sunday lunch. Sponsored by Regnum Christi, Legionaries of Christ.
3. Fishes & Loaves Food Kitchen (<http://mhihouston.org/how-to-help/volunteer/>), large soup kitchen in downtown Houston (just east of Minute Maid Park, at 2009 Congress Avenue – corner of Congress and Chartres streets) where 200 to 300 of Houston's chronically hungry gather six days a week (Tues-Sunday) for nutritious, hot, home-cooked lunches cooked by our staff and served by volunteers. The lunch line begins around 10:30am for service beginning at 11am.
4. Nehemiah, a 5 week "Optional" Summer Program under consideration that guides Dad's to new levels of Spiritual Maturity. This would be held on Friday mornings at 6:00am in the Parrish Life Building at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, hosted (and being recorded live) by Faithful Fathering founder, Rick Wertz.

For more general information on Faithful Fathering, please visit the website at <https://faithfulfathering.org/>.

Your brother in Christ,

Phillip Dickinson