

MENS' UNCONFERENCE HOME GUIDE

WELCOME!

You're holding this card because you've said "Yes" to making a space for men in our church to be real with themselves, God, and others by hosting a watch party for the Sandals Church Men's Unconference. We think that's pretty great, and this is our way of helping you as you make our vision of being real a reality.

HERE'S A BRIEF LIST OF THINGS YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO BEFORE YOU MEET:

SET A 5-HOUR TIME BLOCK

The total unconference time will be about 3-3.5 hours plus time for conversation, eating, and hanging out with the guys.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Who do you know that might benefit from joining your watch party? Think through your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, or classmates and invite them to join you for the conference.

HAVE A FOOD PLAN

Provide some food & drinks since you will likely be together for a mealtime (you can ask people to pitch in!). Plus, food always helps people relax and connect.

CHECK THE TECH

Much of your group's conference experience will be on video, and the best place to watch will be on a TV in a comfortable space like your living room. All of the details about how to access the content are available at sandalschurch.com/unconference.

Here are the two best ways to view the video content:

- Hook up a laptop or broadcast your device to your TV so you can display content from sandalschurch.tv or YouTube

- Use a Roku streaming stick and download the Sandals Church app directly onto your TV.

Whichever way you plan to connect, be sure to do a quick practice run to be sure your home is ready for this amazing experience.

THAT'S IT!

Feel free to keep this on the fridge so it doesn't find its way to somewhere in your garage. Everything you need is also at sandalschurch.com/unconference so be sure to check that out as you prepare!

HOST NOTES

Welcome to the Sandals Church Men's Unconference! Before people arrive, feel free to spend a few moments praying and talking to God, asking him to help you lead well. It's also beneficial to take some time to be sure things around your home are generally clean and uncluttered and pets are put away for company.

WELCOME (5-20 min)

As people come in, make sure to greet them personally at the door. Use their name, if you know it, and introduce them to other people in the group who they may not know. When it's time to start your group, speak up to get everyone's attention and invite everyone to join you in the meeting room to explain what the day holds.

You might say something like...*"Hey everyone, thanks for joining us, and welcome to the Men's Unconference. We're going to start off with a question and then we will start watching the conference together! We will be watching and taking breaks in between sections to discuss some questions. Does anyone have any questions before we get started?"*

CONVERSATION STARTERS (OPTIONAL) (5-10 min)

Use these questions below to help initially facilitate the conversation. Don't feel like you have to ask these questions but feel free to use them to break the ice.

Say... *"How long have you been going to Sandals Church?" OR "What do you do for work?" OR "What do you feel like God has been teaching you lately?" OR "If your arm was cut off and you could replace it with anything, what would it be and why?" OR anything else to get the conversation going!*

SCHEDULE

Host: Introduce the video

You might say something like...*"We are going to watch a conversation that some of our pastors and church leaders have been having. And we are going to be having similar conversations throughout today."*

Show Car Ride scene (16 minutes)

DISCUSSION 1: About Spiritual Disciplines after Car Ride

Question:

1. What is healthy or unhealthy about your daily rhythms? What are some disciplines you would like to begin?

Show Coffee scene (17 minutes)

DISCUSSION 2: About anger after Coffee

Question:

1. What things make you angry? How can you give your anger more to God?

Show Rock wall scene (35 minutes)

DISCUSSION 3: About our Dads after Rock Wall

Share something that stood out to you or challenged you from the video. Then use the questions below (and on the screen) to continue the conversation.

Questions

1. What was your experience with your dad like? Did you feel loved, supported, and encouraged by him? Was he your mentor or did others have that role in your life?
2. How has your relationship with your dad/primary male role model influenced how you live now? What things do you see yourself doing that they did? What things are you doing differently, specifically because of/in spite of them?
3. What are some past hurts caused by your dad that you still struggle with today? Spend some time sharing with the guys around you and close with prayer before moving forward to the next segment.

Show Lunch scene (29 minutes)

DISCUSSION 4: About Fatherhood and Marriage after Lunch

Questions:

1. What are some ways you want to grow as a father? Or how do you hope to be as a father if you are not one yet?
2. What are some ways you want to grow as a husband? Or ways do you want to change so you can be a good husband someday?

Show Axe throwing scene (50 minutes)

DISCUSSION 5: About Sexuality after Axe Throwing

Share something that stood out to you or challenged you from the video. Then use the questions below (and on the screen) to continue the conversation.

Questions

1. What has been the biggest influence on the way you view women and sexuality?
2. What does your current sex life look like? What role does porn/past experiences play in your life currently?
3. What do you think God would say about your current sex life? Would you be hesitant to let him in on that? Why? Spend some time praying over each other and encouraging each other before moving forward to the next segment.

Show Forest scene (31 minutes)

DISCUSSION 6: About how God wants us to respond to difficulty in the Forest

Question:

1. What internal thing do you struggle with that you rarely or never talk about?
2. What spiritual practice could you put into place that would help you work through that struggle?

Show Campfire scene (20 minutes)

DISCUSSION 7: About what our Next Steps are after Campfire

Share something that stood out to you or challenged you from the video. Then use the questions below (and on the screen) to wrap up the conversation.

Discussion Questions

1. Given everything that was discussed and covered today, what specific commitment do you want to make to God and those in this gathering?
2. What challenges do you see arising that might keep you from your commitment? How can we help?
3. Go to sandalschurch.com/unconference as a group and look at the next steps. What next step is God tugging at your heart to take? Don't wait. Do it right now!

Host WRAP-UP

PRAY to wrap up and set a plan in place to follow up with guys about their commitments