

## MEN'S MINISTRY/SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION RESOURCES & REFERENCES

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### Small Group Resources and Discussion Books

An asterisk (\*) indicates that Paul Koch has published a set of discussion guides for this book, under the series title: "Conversations at the Core." They are available to download through the Chalice Pages tab at ChalicePress.com. Each was well received in his Wild Wise Men group. For more information on Men's Ministries, please visit my website, [www.BeABetterBrother.org](http://www.BeABetterBrother.org)

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### Films to Evoke Discussion on Men and Masculinity (just a few)

*Big Fish* (Ewan McGregor, Albert Finney, Jessica Lange, Steve Buscemi, Helen Bonham Carter)  
*Boyz N the Hood* (Laurence Fishburne, Angela Bassett)  
*Brokeback Mountain* (Ang Lee, dir.; Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhaal, Anne Hathaway)  
*The Cider House Rules* (Tobey Maguire, Michael Caine, Scarlett Johansson, Paul Rudd)  
*Dances with Wolves* (Kevin Costner, dir. and star)  
*Do the Right Thing* (Spike Lee, dir.)  
*Finding Neverland* (Johnny Depp)

*The Forty-Year-Old Virgin* (Steven Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Jane Lynch)  
*Get on the Bus* (Spike Lee, dir., Ossie Davis, Richard Belzer, Hill Harper)  
*Harold & Maude* (Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort; Cat Stevens soundtrack)  
*I Love You, Man* (Paul Rudd, Jason Segel)  
*The Last Picture Show* (Timothy Bottoms, Jeff Bridges, Cybill Shepherd, Cloris Leachman)  
*Les Miserables* (Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway, Eddie Redmayne)  
*Ordinary People* (Robert Redford, dir.; Donald Sutherland, Mary Tyler Moore, Timothy Hutton)  
*The Outsiders* (Francis Ford Coppola, dir.: Matt Dillon, Patrick Swayze, Rob Lowe)  
*The Power of Vulnerability* (TED Talk by Brene Brown, two parts)  
*A River Runs Through It* (Brad Pitt, Beau Bridges)  
*Saving Mr. Banks* (Tom Hanks, Emma Thompson, Colin Ferrell, Paul Giamatti)  
*Silver Linings Playbook* (Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence, Robert de Niro)  
*Thanks for Sharing* (Tim Robbins, Mark Ruffalo, Josh Gad)  
*This American Life: John Smith episode* (TV program produced by Ira Glass)  
*The Way* (Martin Sheen, Emilio Estevez)

### Websites and Blogs

BeABetterBrother.org (Resources for understanding men's issues and consultation resources.)  
Disciples Men (follow tab through Disciples Home Missions – disciples.org)  
GoodMenProject.com (follow daily blogs and articles to hear from a diversity of writers).  
Illuman.org / Center for Action of Contemplation – CAC.org (Daily devotions by Richard Rohr)  
The ManKind Project, MenAlive.com (Jed Diamond), StoryLineBlog.com (Donald Miller)

### Events and Conferences

Wild Wise Men – Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 during fall and spring with special recreation in the summer, Washington, MO. An ecumenical gathering of 20+ men ready to discuss and share perspectives of manhood, life and faith. Contact Paul Koch for local resourcing for you.

Illuman of Missouri & Southern Illinois – Second Saturdays, 11-4 of even numbered months, typically meeting at the Marianist Center in Eureka, MO. An regional ecumenical gathering of sharing, presentation, ritual, drumming and mission.

Disciples Men's Retreat – first weekend in May, Shannondale, MO (halfway between Salem & Eminence on Hwy 19 on the Current River, Ozarks National Scenic Riverways (NPS). An ecumenical/interfaith gathering with men of the Missouri Mid-South UCC. Mission, canoeing, kayaking, golf, recreation, bonfire sharing – no workshops, casual structure, steak dinner.

Men's Rites of Passage – June 21-25, 2017, Audubon Center of the North Woods, Sandstone, MN. This life-changing event for men ready to enter the "second half of life" is led by Illuman/Center for Action and Contemplation led by MN M.A.L.E.s (Men as Leaners & Elders.) A van is hoped to be secured for Mid-America men wanting to participate.

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