



## Relational Discipleship: Inside and Out

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# **MEN OF VALOR**

**RECONCILING MEN TO GOD, THEIR FAMILIES, AND SOCIETY  
A MINISTRY OF HOPE**



## **Men of Valor's Mission:**

To win men in prison to Jesus Christ  
and disciple them.

Our purpose is to equip them to reenter  
society as men of integrity –  
becoming givers to the community  
rather than takers.



## **Relational Discipleship:**

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel,  
for it is the power of God for salvation  
to everyone who believes...”

Romans 1:16



## **Relational Discipleship:**

“We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our very lives as well.”

I Thessalonians 2:8



# Inside the Walls:

Discipleship Groups ([www.replicate.org](http://www.replicate.org))

- ❖ Bible Reading Plan
- ❖ H.E.A.R. Journaling Method
- ❖ Scripture Memory
- ❖ Weekly Small Group Meeting (5-7 people)
  - Recite or read memory verse
  - Share a journal entry
  - Personal high and low for the week
  - Prayer



# Inside the Walls:

## 1-on-1 Mentoring

- ❖ Listener
- ❖ Advisor
- ❖ Friend
- ❖ Prayer

\* NOT financially involved / destroys authenticity



# Inside the Walls:

Prepare for Release (if not coming to MOV aftercare)

- ❖ Risk Needs Assessment
- ❖ Effectively Pass the Spiritual Baton
  - Intentional church connection (expecting them)
  - Existing small group or recovery community
  - Start a discipleship group



## **Outside the Walls:**

Valor Ridge – Nashville (93 beds)

Valor Way – Knoxville (30 beds)



## Outside the Walls:

- ❖ Pick them up at the door of the prison



# Outside the Walls:

## ❖ 1st 30 Days

- Slow down / decompress in safety
- Basic needs met (food, clothing, shelter, medical, identification, etc.)
- Classes
  - Spiritual (Gospel, Bible, Prayer, etc.)
  - Physical/Emotional (Nutrition, Trauma, Counseling, etc.)
  - Experiential (Gardening, Writing, Digital Skills, Budgeting, Animal therapy, etc.)



## Outside the Walls:

- ❖ Fulltime Employment
  - MOV partners
    - Livable wage
    - Upward mobility
    - Safe environment
    - MOU regarding our program schedule



## Outside the Walls:

- ❖ Building Community
  - Churches (8+), Mentor, Community Service, Employer, Teachers, Volunteers, etc.



# Outside the Walls:

## ❖ Celebrating Milestones

- 30 days
- 3, 6, 9 months
- 1 Year Graduation
- Life Events
  - Driver's License, Family Reunification, Job Promotions, Car Purchase, etc.



## Outside the Walls:

- ❖ Manhood Training
  - Better Man
  - Mentors
  - Marriage, Parenting, Conflict Resolution, etc.



## Outside the Walls:

- ❖ Transition to Independent Living
  - Apartment leads
  - Affordable housing
  - Case Mgmt on “next steps”



## Outside the Walls:

- ❖ Alumni Opportunities – part of the *family*
  - Graduations
  - Outings
  - Events



# Men of Valor Covenant

As a Man of Valor, I will seek to honor Christ –  
living a life of respect for myself and others.  
I will reject passivity and accept responsibility.  
I will choose to lead courageously.  
I will be honest with myself, others, and God.  
It is a privilege for me to serve my family,  
my church, and my community.  
I will expect a greater reward, God's reward.



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