

Fire – culture and guide rails

Our stories matter

Fires are a space for authentic masculinity. The mission is to create a soul-safe, non judgemental space for all men to be welcomed and honoured.

- A place to come off the front-lines of life. To listen and to be listened to. To see and to be seen. To know and to be known.
- A place for us to experience God together through the ancient practice of storytelling.
- We are all students, learning together what becoming wholehearted, mature men means.
- We get permission to leave our religious and professional credentials behind. God get's centre stage and his Kingdom sets the agenda—In the end, there is nothing more valuable for a man than his true heart connecting more deeply with the true heart of God.

A culture of honour

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour." Romans 12:10

- We listen intently to each other and walk in love. We are not here to *'get it right'* or to *'fix one another.'*
- When men share their stories, we can be tempted to react in a way that is dishonouring and minimising even though our hearts might be in the right place...

To protect our hearts when sharing story...

1. We don't interrupt unless it's to clarify something.
2. No counselling, teaching or preaching.
3. We don't derail a man's story by opening up a part of our own story and shifting the focus to you.
4. We all agree that what is shared around the fire stays at the fire.

Be yourself

Each man has permission to show up exactly as he is—nothing to hide, nothing to prove and nothing to fear.

- All of us may get tempted to pose or hide behind a mask.
- You don't need to pose, you don't need to hide - you have permission to be seen as you are with no judgement, only love.
- **Vulnerability, courage, strength, and love are held in the highest regard.**

Consecration prayer

God, we consecrate this Fire and bring every aspect and dimension of this sacred space under your protection and care. We pray that each man's soul will be safe here, as a man. We ask for courage to show up as our authentic selves. We bring your love and your life around us. We enforce the love and life of Christ here and now. We stand against darkness and ask that your light and life would shine deeply in and through the hearts of every man. We say yes to you, Father, yes to you, Jesus, and yes to you, Holy Spirit. We give you full permission and access to do what only you can do. We are your sons. Through this Fire, help us become even more your sons and your kings.