## SEVEN MEN CURRICULUM OVERVIEW, From Chris Brauns

A discussion guide with the goal of encouraging and equipping participants to take action to be change-agents in today's culture. Ideally, the study will be used to challenge participants about a particular project, **initiative**, or area of service to work on throughout the discussions.

Focus	Chapter	Discussion Focus Question(s)	Biblical Text(s)	Project Challenge Question(s)
Courage	Introduction: <u>True</u> Manhood –	Why is courage necessary if leaders are to bring about change?	Matthew 25:14-30 – How is courage fundamental to "talent multiplication"?	Have you identified an initiative or project to which you will apply the challenges of this study? Does the initiative you have in mind require courage?
Ambition	Chapter 1: George Washington – (1732-1799)	What is the right kind of ambition?	Philippians 2:5-12 – How did Jesus embody the right kind of ambition?	Does the initiative or project you have in mind show ambition?
Influence	Chapter 2: William Wilberforce (1759-1833)	Why are networks of relationships essential if leaders are to bring about change?	<u>Luke 6:12-16</u> – What was Jesus's first step in building his network? Is the fact that Jesus built a network significant?	How you can your network of relationships be leveraged for God's glory in advancing the initiative you have identified?
Risk	<b>Chapter 3</b> : <u>Eric</u> <u>Liddell</u> (1902-1945)	Is it possible to be a great leader apart from risk?	1 Samuel 14:1-23 – On what basis did Jonathan risk his life?	What specific risks or chances have you taken for your initiative? What risks do you need to be prepared to take?
Insight	Chapter 4: Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906- 1945)	Are we seeing the times in which we live with biblical clarity?	<u>Luke 16:1-17</u> – What was so startling (borderline offensive!) about Jesus use of this parable?	How does this project require your shrewdness and insight?
Preparation	Chapter 5: <u>Jackie</u> Robinson (1919- 1972)	Why are trials and corrections an essential experience for any leader?	<u>James 1:2-4</u> – How should we respond to trials and difficulties?	How did trials, correction, and suffering uniquely prepare you for your leadership in this project?
Love	Chapter 6: <u>Pope</u> <u>John Paul II</u> (1920-2005)	How can Christians concretely show love to Christ?	Matthew 25:40 – Where is the love of Christ most easily seen?	Does the initiative you have in mind show love for the least of these?
Redemption	Chapter 7: Charles W. Colson (1931- 2012)	What does it mean for a leader's gifts and abilities to be redeemed for the cause of Christ?	2 Cor 5:16-21 – How complete is the transformation of someone who becomes a Christian? Does the transformation mean the elimination of previous gifts, abilities, and training?	How are your gifts and abilities being used by God in advancing this project?