

Maturity lessons based on
The Life Model and *The Complete
Guide to Living with Men*



This solution-based maturity retreat equips you to bring change to your community. Joy Starts Here maturity weekends engage singles, couples and groups. You will be introduced to the nineteen brain-based character skills and start to build joyful community while you learn to leave a meaningful, relational legacy for your loved ones.

In one weekend you receive two focused days on maturity - the unexpected solution, seven power-packed teachings on the value of maturity, four creative exercises including group interaction. You learn two things that profoundly changed Chris and Jen's marriage! You gain an evaluation of your marriage, family and relational maturity!

This maturity retreat is not designed to replace the community with a seminar nor is it designed to advance people into their next stage of maturity in the seminar itself.



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The Life Model
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Equipping people with the skills to thrive

Joy Starts Here Maturity Retreats



“Maturity means being fully ourselves at every age, in every situation and in every relationship.”

Dr. Jim Wilder

**One Weekend.
Six Life Stages.
Joy-based Solutions.
Strategically Designed For:**

**Singles
Couples
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Just below the surface there is a lot of frustration and hopelessness in many churches, couples and families because what started out as a dream come true just doesn't work like it should. If you have been reading the Life Model and asking yourself



the question, "How do I get this into my community?" read on. It only takes one motivated person like you to get a group together and you don't have to be a pastor to make a difference. Before the overview section of maturity teaching finished on the first night people have gone from dry to attentive, hopeful and excited as they realize what has been missing and how to find it. Most communities, if they are honest with themselves, know something is missing. After reading The Life Model, readers like you start to see what the solution might be but how do you get others to share your hope and join in? Whether you are the pastor, leader, spouse, counselor or feel the most beat up by life, you can be the one to bring a change to your community.



A weekend maturity retreat is designed to identify cracks in your foundation, expose faulty development and introduce repair skills to the problems in life. Excruciating deficits inhibit our growth process. Everything from the lack of positive feedback to unhealthy relationships stunt and impede our ability to mature.

Whether you grew up in a lifeless community or were raised by abusive parents (verbally or physically) everyone is a candidate for this brittle foundation known as immaturity. Even if you had decent, loving parents you may still lack essential life-giving ingredients required to lead the kind of life you pray to live. Don't merely get by in life, invest in yourself and be more like Jesus with each new day.

Unfinished growth tasks negatively impact every facet of your life, from job performance and personal relationships to your spiritual walk. How well you raise families and build churches depends on the practice and experience you had under our own roof as a child. Immaturity means we are stuck and need assistance to accomplish specific life tasks necessary for growth. Maturing enables us to finish essential goals and tasks that provide us with peace and joy. Maturity may be one issue you cannot afford to overlook anymore. Attend or host a weekend Maturity Retreat! This weekend maturity retreat is designed to help your church community identify their maturity and enhance overall effectiveness both individually and corporately.



"I have never seen a retreat have more impact than your time with us as leaders!!! The group has concluded we need to have another Maturity Retreat soon for those who were not able to go through the first time. When are the soonest possible dates that you could do another?"

First-time Attendee

You will be introduced to the right hemispheric skills necessary to produce mature followers of Jesus Christ. The lack of right hemisphere emotional capacity causes people to lose their internal synchronization and do foolish things, waste energy, become anxious and fearful, resistant and evasive. The retreat allows community members to discover the maturity of the rest of their community. Participants have the opportunity to find individuals who can assist them and discover who they can help in order to mature and reach their potential. This retreat will help community members identify the next step in their development. Discover maturity, go from frustration to hope!



Maturity is an unexpected solution to troubled marriages, problems with children, addictions, depression, character weakness, spiritual dryness, the list goes on. Jesus offered unexpected solutions throughout His earthly ministry. For example, rather than deliver Israel from Rome's oppression like the rabbis expected, Jesus fed people miracle bread and taught them Kingdom life. Instead of preventing Lazarus from dying like his family hoped, Jesus shows up late and raises His friend from the grave. There are numerous Scriptural examples where Jesus frequently responded to problems and needs in unorthodox ways. All too often we Christians look to talk shows, magazines and the media to tell us what we need or how to fix what ails us. We even doggedly try to do all the right things in life and still fall short of the results we expect.

Maturity is one solution you do not want to miss!