

MENS LIFE BLOOMINGTON

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Wild at Heart Experience | Session Two — Extended Discussion

Overview: This session takes us into some naked self-assessment. Something has gone wrong in men, and we know it. Something about us, or in us, is just now what we know it was meant to be. What's *happened* to us? Why aren't we more fierce, daring and passionate? You're going to need to be really honest—brutally honest—if you hope to continue the journey from here. Remember, we have to cross the desert, the no-man's-land, before winning the promised land.

Focus Verse: I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. | Romans 7:15

Scheduled Tasks: [View on Website](#)

- ✓ Chapters 3 From Book
- ✓ Session 2 Video
- ✓ Between Sessions Personal Study
- ✓ Listen to Audio: <http://menslifebloomington.org/bloomenlife/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Wild-at-Heart-Experience-2.mp3>

Extended Discussion Questions:

- Early in life, we learn what the world wants for us—and what it doesn't like. Where did you receive recognition early on as a boy? How did that shape what you pursued... and left behind?
- As a man, what do you tend to avoid because it makes you feel weak, incompetent, or vulnerable? Describe your history with these avoided things. What led up to your decision to avoid this area?
- If you asked a group of your closest friends and family to describe you as a man, how would it match how you view yourself?
- Prior to this study, how much thought have you given to the idea of God's perspective on manhood?
- How much latitude do you feel there is in God's definition of manhood? In other words, can a person who is soft-spoken, a non-risk taker, a follower or non-athletic type still be a man of God? What does the very asking of this question say about a misconception of manhood?
- In what ways do you find yourself tempted to be a poser--to put forth a different image of a man than you really are?
- How does all of this guy talk make you feel?

Closing Prayer:

The statement was made, "We will never get past our struggles and addictions until we recover the true heart and true life we were meant for." Lord, help us to see ourselves the way you see us and created us. Help free us from defining our masculinity according to the world's standards. Protect us from going where we should not go and trying to be someone we're not.

Next Session: **November 28th**, "The Wound" video for session three.