

About Sam Tolley



Sam Tolley is Campus Pastor at Church Unlimited West Auckland. He also serves on the Board of PK NZ and is a Church Rep for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Sam is an inspiring communicator who shares with wisdom and Biblical understanding. He uses relatable examples and practical applications which mean that key learnings are easily applied.

Sam is married to Jodi, and they have two children. Sam's father-in-law is Tak Bhana, Senior Pastor of Church Unlimited Churches, and host of Running with Fire television and radio ministry.

Sam is a keen golfer, and former P.E. teacher, competitive yacht racer, sports coach and youth pastor.

He has a desire for people to fulfil their potential in life and God. For example, when Sam was a youth pastor, he would see young people with lots of potential and where he could, he would come alongside them and help them develop.

Sam says, "I think mentoring is about getting alongside people to bring to the front what God has placed inside them."

He points to Proverbs 27:17, "*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*" Sam says that we develop when we get around other men and let them sharpen us. We need to allow others to develop in us the things we haven't yet mastered.

As a kiwi dad, Sam is passionate about supporting other men, especially fathers. He says that one area where men are often open to being mentored is in the aspect of fathering. He points to fathers of young families and says that they are typically keen to get support from other fathers who will listen and speak from their life-experience.

Sam's men's group includes fathers of young families and fathers, like himself, who have been parenting for a while. Creating an environment where older fathers are supporting younger ones. Sam is also enthusiastic about the significant role that fathers, including spiritual fathers, can have on other men.

2 Timothy 2:2 talks about finding "*reliable and faithful men who will also be capable and qualified to teach others.*" (AMP)

Sam says, "Pray and ask God, 'Who is in my life that I can mentor or be mentored by?' Maybe they are in your church or men's group. Perhaps you see other men in your life, and you think, I could really help them develop, or they could help me, to become all that God has called them to be."

Feedback from Sam's PK mentoring presentations:

I thought the session with Sam Tolley was one of the best PK have done. Really challenging and motivating. – Keith

What a superb session Sam. Tremendous insight. – Bruce

When Sam shared a similar message on "Spiritual Fathers at Any Age", with a group of men in Hamilton, a man spoke of how another had mentored him through a difficult time and how much that meant to him. Hamilton Minister, Lance Langley said, "the quality of the discussion around spiritual fathering was excellent and very refreshing with a number of very in-depth discussions and testimonies."

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