

REDEEMER'S PRACTICES

Please follow these practices when you are serving as a COMMUNITY GROUP.



BEFORE YOU SERVE

1. Pray as a community Group the week before
2. Consider doing a devotional the week before you serve.
3. Fill out the CG serving form
4. Make sure everyone serving has completed the Equipped to Love training and has been background checked
5. Pray day of before you serve
6. Review as a group the Dos and Dons of serving those with difficult pasts →

AFTER YOU SERVE

1. Pray as a community Group after you serve
2. Post a picture on slack on the 'encouragement' channel. Please do not include children or adults that you served in that picture, only CG volunteers. Please include an encouraging word with the picture.
3. At your next CG spend time talking about how the Lord worked, how you've been praying since your serving, and consider if there could be any follow ups or relationships built.

LOCAL OUTREACH TEAM

If you have any questions please reach out to us!

DOS AND DON'TS

DO HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

- Recognize the inherent worth of all mankind as uniquely created & valued
- Help the vulnerable realize they are an image bearer with tremendous value to God
- Acknowledge brokenness & sin is common to all of us. We don't come as 'helpers' but the ones 'helped' by a loving Savior.
- Affirm they are worthy of our time and effort and commitment to them
- Give them a voice, ask them what they believe is their need. Learn about their lives
- Empower others - seek to identify their strengths, they are not helpless. Identify their gifts and abilities which God has blessed them with so that they can use those to improve their lives
- Fear not - Be willing to walk into their brokenness- Jesus touched the sinners and cares for the broken-hearted
- Realize this is an opportunity for God to grow us in practicing the love attributes of 1 Cor 13 love is patient, kind, protects, trusts, hopes, is long-suffering and perseveres. It does not envy, boast, self-seeking, easily angered, keeps records of wrongs, or delights in evil
- Provide access to social networks and opportunities

DON'T

- Ask detailed questions about their background; it is their story to reveal, if and when, they are ready
- Photograph children in foster care
- Don't post anything on social media identifying individuals
- Don't offer \$, tangible help or gifts without deacon approval
- Think vulnerable are a problem to be solved; rather a person to be loved
- Have a superior attitude that they need what I have
- Make extra biblical rules "you should do it like this...."
- Make it about you...Have expectation of being thanked or appreciated
- Anticipate an outcome or immediate change in behavior- it's a long process