



Considerations in Developing a Church-Based Peace After Divorce Ministry Team

The Peace after Divorce Workshop is easy to offer and can be facilitated by one person unless participant numbers are large. A ministry team of several people enriches the experience and is helpful if there are a number of participants. If there are several discussion tables, it is very helpful to have a ministry team member at each table to facilitate the discussion.

No divorce experts are needed to offer this ministry. Videos and the participant book provide content and structure the sessions.

Function of the Team Members:

1. To keep discussions rolling and on topic. See the Facilitator Handbook for tips on facilitating group discussions.
2. To show compassion and God's love.
3. To offer encouragement in a non-judgmental Christian environment
4. To assist with divorce ministry outreach.

Considerations in Choosing Team Members:

- Team members should have an active Christian faith and behavior that reflects that faith.
- Team members should have been through a divorce themselves and be reasonably well adjusted.
- Team members must not try to “fix” participants. They are not to function as authorities, counselors, or advisors.
- Team members should be able to keep a confidence.
- Team members should be compassionate.
- Team members must be willing to set judgments aside.
- Team members are to listen and are not to dominate discussions.

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