

Calvary's Stephen Ministry

Christian caring—people to people

Sometimes you need just a little extra care

- ~ Maybe you're in a crisis and have specific short-term needs
- ~ Maybe you've lost mobility, and you can't get out to be with others
- ~ Perhaps you are in a spiritual crisis or suffer deep depression
- ~ You may know someone who needs assistance

That's the time to call for a Stephen Minister

Stephen Ministers are available to help. These trained caregivers offer Christian care on a regular basis.

How does it happen?

You may ask for help outright from one of Calvary's professional staff ministers, or perhaps a Stephen minister becomes aware of your circumstance. One of the three Stephen Leader Team members will contact you to talk about your needs and how a Stephen Minister might serve you. With your approval, a Stephen Minister is assigned to you. Men are assigned to men, women to women. The caregiver will contact you, and together you agree on the extent and goals of your situation. The Stephen Minister maintains absolute confidentiality. The only way someone will know you have a Stephen Minister is if you choose to reveal it.

What's stopping you?

It's not easy to ask for help. In fact, most people in this individualistic culture would rather suffer in silence! But sometimes life's circumstances are just too much to bear alone. Sometimes the depression is just too great. Sometimes your pain is greater than your reluctance, and you become willing to ask. That's the time to seek out a Stephen Minister.

Why Stephen Ministry?

Because at Calvary we are committed to love one another through skilled care giving under supervised guidance as a channel for God's healing. Stephen Ministers are called to live out our core values of Christian care giving. By developing these gifts through a rigorous training program, Stephen Ministers offer skilled care giving to congregants and the broader community.

Ephesians 4:11-13: He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

No need to suffer in silence.

Call for help today.

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