



Volunteer Position: Empowering Survivors Support Group Facilitator

The Empowering Survivors Support Group Facilitator leads support groups for survivors of domestic/dating abuse. The facilitators assist with the planning of the support groups along with the Church Lead.

Because of the sensitive nature of this volunteer opportunity, the church performs a background check on every facilitator.

Position Description:

- Pray for the women in the group
- Commit to weekly facilitating a group lasting 10-14 weeks
- Maintain confidentiality of both the group's members and its discussions
- Ensure the safety and security of the group as a priority
- As facilitator encourage but not force participants to
 - Share their experiences as domestic abuse survivors
 - Encourage new ideas to create a non-violent environment for themselves
 - Discuss program topics, like boundaries, basic rights and self-esteem
- Conduct sessions from the standpoint that all participants are to be believed and respected
- Explain group rules and make sure they are followed
- Refer participants to appropriate outside services as needed

Time requirements:

- Initial training: 12-14 hours, in person (held in Facilitator's community)
- Group sessions: 3-4 hours per group. Sessions may be held weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly
- Between groups: 0-1 hour per week

Training Requirements:

- Welcome to Kingdom Workers
- Defining abuse; why support groups are needed
- Group management
- Conflict and problem solving
- Community resources
- Creating a safety plan with survivors
- Using God's Word in a group setting
- Self-care
- Boundaries

Facilitator Traits:

- Spiritual maturity
- Experience as a volunteer; experience with group planning and facilitating
- Able to provide emotional and practical support to survivors
- Excellent communication skills and listening skills
- Ability to handle issues, such as anger, in the group
- Understanding of boundaries



- Ability to use basic information technology, like internet searches and email
- Concern for hurting people
- Trustworthy and able to maintain confidentiality
- May or may not be a survivor of abuse

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