



Walk to
Emmous
THE UPPER ROOM[®]



Sponsorship

From the Handbook

- First act of agape before a Weekend begins
- Undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love
- Foundation for a healthy, effective movement
- Spiritual revitalization, new life, vision to the church
- Build up the Body of Christ

Sponsorship Is:

- Committing to invite, guide & support
- Representing God working person to person
- Recruiting strong church leaders
- Creating a healthy Emmaus/Chrysalis community

Model for Sponsorship

Luke 24:13 – 35

- Jesus joins those who are already believers
- Faith is “re-explained”
- Grace is “re-experienced”
- Individuals are “re-turned” to Christian community to share their experience

Spiritual Principles

- Prayer – the first step in sponsorship
- Openness to God – becoming God's instrument
- Being called by name

Board Responsibility for Sponsorship

- Training
- Setting policy for community training
 - Is it required?
 - How often?
 - How to enforce?
- Addressing poor sponsorship

Purposeful Sponsorship

- Church leaders
- Dependable church members
- Less active members
- Christians seeking a deeper relationship with God
- A cross section of the church
- Respected laypersons and clergypersons
- Members of diverse congregations, denominations, and ethnic groups
- Youth who are not part of the church but show a desire to meet Christ and to grow spiritually.

Remember ...

Emmaus and Chrysalis are
right for many people,
but they are not for everyone

Questionable Sponsorship

- People with no interest in the Christian faith or the church
- People undergoing emotional crisis or who are distracted or distraught
- People whose pattern it is to disrupt
- People whose theology is notably different
- Church hoppers
- People who can not submit to the message of the 3 days
- People always looking for the next spiritual thing
- **For Chrysalis – young people whose parents object**

Wise Sponsorship is
Purposeful and Prayerful

Unwise Sponsorship is
Haphazard and Undiscerning

Foundational Steps

- Pray, Pray, Pray!
- Set an Appointment
 - Basics of the weekend
 - Ecumenical environment
 - Mixed gender clergy teams
 - No contact/electronics
 - Financial
 - Fourth Day/Next Step relationship
 - Answer all questions/No secrets
- Extend the Invitation
- Seek a Commitment

Weekend Preparation Steps

- Make preparations
- Provide Additional Information
 - Transportation
 - Facility Arrangements
 - Periods of Silence
 - No Electronics
- Make Sacrifices
- Support the 3 Day Weekend

Post-event Sponsorship

Fourth Day/Next Step Involvement

- In their Church *
- In the Community
- Hold accountable to new commitments
 - In whatever area the Holy Spirit leads
- Help Sponsor Others

*Some Butterflies may need help finding a church

Concerns

- Should Conference Room Team Members be sponsors?
- Should Weekend Servants be sponsors?
- Can one person effectively sponsor multiple participants?
- How can someone sponsor an unknown potential participant?



Questions?