

Welcome Newcomers

Our Purpose

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery Small Groups CAN:

Provide you a safe place to share your experiences, strengths, and hopes with others who are going through Christ-centered recovery

Offer a leader who has gone through a similar hurt, habit, or hang-up that will facilitate the group as it focuses on a particular principle each week. The leader will also keep Celebrate Recovery's "five rules".

Assist in finding an accountability partner or sponsor.

Encourage attendance in other recovery meetings held throughout the week

Celebrate Recovery Small Groups will NOT:

Attempt to offer any professional clinical advice. Our leaders are not counselors. We will provide you with a list of approved counseling referrals.

Allow its members to attempt to "fix" one another.

The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to encourage fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives as we work our way along the road to recovery. We open the door by sharing our experience, strength, and hope with one another. By working the steps and applying Biblical principals, we begin to grow spiritually and eventually become free from our hurts, habits and hang-ups. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with others and our loving and forgiving Higher Power, Jesus Christ.

Celebrate Recovery is a Biblical program based on the beatitudes that Christ taught in His Sermon on the Mount message. There are only two things needed to start recovery: a desire to stop living in the past and a desire to start living in the truth. Our focus is on spiritual progress as we work through the Christ centered steps. We accept God's forgiveness, mercy, and grace in solving our life problems. We cannot keep what we have if we don't give it away; therefore our goal is to produce disciples that take the message of recovery in Christ to those who still suffer.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday night at 7 p.m. The first hour is devoted to praise, worship, teaching and/or testimony. The second hour is for small group discussion. We offer separate hurts, habits and hang-ups groups for men and women. Childcare is available by calling the church office at 219-866-3181.

Thursdays at 7 p.m.



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12 Steps and Biblical Comparisons

The Road to Recovery

1) We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors. That our lives had become unmanageable.

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. (Romans 7:18)

2) We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Philippians 2:13)

3) We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God.

Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. (Romans 12:1)

4) We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord. (Lamentations 3:40)

5) We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs.

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:16)

6) We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. (James 4:10)

7) We humbly asked Him to remove all our shortcomings.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

8) We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

9) We made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

10) We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall. (1 Corinthians 10:12)

11) We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and power to carry that out.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Colossians 3:16a)

12) Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others and practice these principles in all our affairs.

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. (Galatians 6:1)

Realize I'm not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor.

Earnstly believe God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.

Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

Happy are the meek.

Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.

Happy are the pure in heart.

Voluntarily submit to every change God wants me to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.

Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires.

Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

Happy are the merciful. Happy are the peacemakers.

Reserve a daily quiet time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will.

Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.

Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires.