



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than pastors can effectively meet by themselves. Stephen Ministry provides a biblical solution – *equipping God’s people for ministry*. Gifted lay people are trained to support and extend the care that pastors continue to provide. Stephen Ministers reach out with God’s love to people who are hurting – both to congregation members and nonmembers.

We all experience challenges in life – times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty such as –

- Grieving the death of a loved one
- Hospitalization or recovering from hospitalization
- Divorce or separation
- Lonely or discouraged
- Experiencing a spiritual crisis
- Moving or relocating
- Facing a life transition
- And many more
- Unemployment or a job crisis
- Coping with a terminal illness or caring for a family member with a terminal illness
- Dealing with the crisis of aging
- Birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility
- Dealing with a chronic illness
- Recovery after an accident or disaster
- New to the congregation or the community

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to those facing a crisis or going through tough times. The care you’ll receive is **confidential**, free, and one-to-one.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of care, please talk with our Pastors or one of the Stephen Leaders:

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