



# REDEMPTION ADVOCATES

An advocate is a valuable person on your journey in Redemption. Your advocate's role is to point you to Christ, pray for you, encourage you with Scripture, help you process through the steps, listen to you, provide prayer and input as you work through the content, and provide Biblical guidance when needed.

## **What to look for in a primary advocate:**

- Same gender
- Mature believer in Christ and will turn to God's word for counsel
- Will be in your life during and after Redemption
- Lives locally (a second peer advocate can be someone that is not local)
- If you are in a community group, your CG leader would be your advocate

## **Initial communication with your advocate:**

As soon as someone agrees to be your advocate, have a conversation with him/her about expectations.

- How often will you communicate? What days/times is your advocate available to talk or meet?
- Method of communication? Email, text, phone call, in person, etc.

## **Expectations for ongoing communication:**

- It is your responsibility as the participant to contact your advocate(s) to let them know how you are doing, ask for prayer or guidance, and to talk through the lessons. Do not wait for them to call you!
- Keep in touch with them step by step, sharing what God is teaching you and areas you are struggling. Ask for prayer. Utilize your advocate! As a brother/sister in Christ, they are there to help you in this process!

## **Secondary peer advocates:**

When possible, we also encourage participants to have a peer advocate as well, though it is not required. This can be someone from your community or discipleship group at Providence. Their only requirement is to pray for you and encourage you. They are welcome to the advocate training at the kickoff weekend but all advocate and handoff meetings will occur between you and the primary advocate.

## Advocate agreement

The purpose of this advocate agreement is to ensure both parties have an agreed set of expectations throughout the ministry session. You agree that the role of the advocate is to act as an encourager and guide outside of the Redemption group who is granted authority by the participant to speak into his or her life for the sake of spiritual growth and maturity.

As the primary advocate, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree that I am a Christian of the same gender who has a biblical foundation for life and clear understanding of the gospel. I will not be expected to fix or heal the participant but will commit to pray and point the participant to Christ for healing through the Holy Spirit. I will encourage, speak biblical truth with grace, and show Christ-like love to the participant throughout the steps.

As the participant, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree that I will talk through my struggles, and honestly share what I am learning and feeling with my advocate, so that he or she may know how to support, encourage, and pray for me. I commit to communicate regularly with my advocate and to show up to our meetings with my Redemption workbook prepared prayerfully and thoughtfully beforehand. (Matthew 5:37)

During this Redemption session, we agree to...

1. Meet at least twice during the Redemption process and at the handoffs on the last day of Redemption. Meeting times, once agreed, should not be cancelled unless this is unavoidable. If possible, decide on these meeting dates before Redemption starts.
2. Contact each other in between meetings by text/phone/email with any urgent needs/updates/prayer requests. Communicate with group leaders about updates on the participant's progress or to discuss concerns.
3. Attend kickoff night together and the Redemption Celebration service.
4. Guard against gossip with those who are not a part of the problem or solution, but involve group leaders and/or staff when there is a need or concern. (Matthew 18:15-17)

After signing this document, please make sure to bring this to the kickoff Friday night.

Advocate's signature:

Email:

Phone:

Participant's signature:

Email:

Phone:

Date: