

WHAT IS SPONSORSHIP

SPONSORSHIP IS:

- Sponsorship is the act of revisiting The Walk to Emmaus experience with the person who God has laid on your heart.
- Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, and careful planning and follow-through. It is a dynamic partnership between you and God.

GUIDELINES FOR GOOD SPONSORSHIP

- PRAY ABOUT IT! God decides who we should sponsor and when. We simply need to remain attentive to God's leading and patiently "wait on the Lord." Psalm 27:14
- Do not sponsor persons who are not attending a church.
- Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone.

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE SPONSORING

- Is the Walk to Emmaus right for this person at this time? Is this person going through any emotional distress that would distract them during the weekend?
- Is this person right for the Walk to Emmaus experience?
- Would this person be physically able to sit in the conference room for long periods of time and participate comfortably in all the weekend activities?

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPONSOR – ALL ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT!

1. Pray about who you should sponsor.
2. Meet with the potential pilgrim(s). See the Equal Commitment Rule steps below.
3. Apply for the Walk. Include a letter if one spouse doesn't want to attend. The letter should include:
 - A note that the waiting period has occurred and that both spouses have been included in all discussions.
 - Why one spouse does not want to attend.
 - Why the other spouse thinks it is okay to attend alone.
4. Collect agape letters and make agape gifts.
5. Be in touch with the pilgrim as the Walk approaches. Discuss dinner plans. If you are not taking the pilgrim to dinner before the Walk, remind them to eat dinner before Send-off.
6. Attend Walk weekend events.
 - Candlelight is on Saturday night at 8 PM
 - Send-Off is on Thursday night at 6:45 PM. Following Send-Off, you will need to attend Sponsor's Hour to pray for your pilgrim.
 - Closing is on Sunday at 4:30 PM. Plan to be there by 4:00 PM in order to pick up your pilgrim's luggage and get their extra agape letters.
 - Sign-up for the kitchen, set up and clean up.
 - Sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil.
7. Help your pilgrim get into a Reunion Group.
8. Follow up with your pilgrim. Make plans to attend Potluck, the Follow Up meeting and the Gatherings.

EQUAL COMMITMENT RULE STEPS

1. Meet with both husband/wife together – even if one doesn't want/plan to attend.
2. If one partner chooses not to attend, suggest that the couple think/pray about the decision until the next set of Walks.
3. After that time, talk to both of them again. If one is still not interested, then sponsor the one who wants to attend – being assured that the other partner agrees.

Wisely and prayerfully sponsored pilgrims return to their family, churches and communities renewed in their commitment to be effective disciples for Jesus Christ!

