



TIPS TO PRESENT TO YOUR PASTOR & CHURCH LEADERSHIP

We love [HER]
because He first loved us.

1 JOHN 4:19



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You can do this!

We know that if you downloaded this PDF, you are excited to present the idea of an Embrace Grace Support Group to your church leadership.

We also know most likely you may be either:

A bit nervous & excited

OR

Really nervous & excited

Either way, know that God is for you! If He has stirred this idea in your heart - it's for a reason!

Read over these tips to present to your pastor and let our team know if you have any questions.

BEFORE YOU ASK *for a meeting*

1

TAKE A DEEP BREATH. God has gone before you. He is stirring this idea in your heart for your church for a specific reason. Ask the Holy Spirit for the peace that only He can give you!

2

PRAY AND ASK THE LORD FOR CLARITY AND DIRECTION. Ask Him for the small things like *“help me to secure a meeting with my pastor soon”* and big things like *“reveal this outreach opportunity in a new way to my pastor so they are excited to say yes.”*

3

TRUST AND HAVE FAITH. It can be easy to listen to the small whispers of darkness that say things like: *“this will never happen,” “you don’t like talking in front of people,” “your church will say no,” “you won’t be a good leader,” “there are no single + pregnant woman that need your help”*... Friend, God is so much bigger! Discard the lies and trust what God placed in your heart! Single + pregnant women need you to be brave so she can be brave!

4

LET AN EMBRACE GRACE TEAM MEMBER KNOW WHEN YOU ARE MEETING! We love to set alarms so we can be praying in the moment for you! You can text us the meeting date/time: 817-755-8487



HOW TO SCHEDULE *a meeting*

We are connected with churches/parishes of ALL sizes and denominations, and we love how God leads each church to serve their community best. It's important to remember that Embrace Grace Support Groups are a beautiful *introduction* into a church family.

Your church has the opportunity to introduce single moms to our Christ and Savior, Jesus! Our goal is not behavior modification, it is heart transformation through a relationship with Him!

If you attend a smaller church chances are you know exactly who to set up a meeting with. If you attend a large or multi-campus church and you have never met the person you need to call or email, that is okay, too!

If you don't know which ministry the Embrace Grace or Embrace Life Support Group you want to present would fall under, we encourage you to call/email your church office and ask.

We see Embrace Grace, Inc. Support Groups fall under a few different areas of ministry within a church, with the most common being:

- Small Groups**
- Outreach**
- Women's Ministry**
- Single Parent Families**
- Care Ministry**

Say something like:

“Hello, My name is _____ and I would like to present an idea to our church leadership about starting a weekly support group for single + pregnant women, either in-person if possible or online to aid in social distancing. Do you know which pastor or ministry department I should speak with?”

If you get through to the pastor or bishop right away, ask them what would work best:

“Hi Pastor Todd, thank you for taking my call. (If you have never met before: My name is _____ and my family and I became members in _____) I would love to chat with you about an opportunity we as a church have to help single + pregnant women. Do you have time to chat over the phone today or would it be best to schedule a meeting?”

If scheduling a meeting, ask for 30min-1hour to give you enough time to present the idea and answer questions.

You could meet:

On the Phone

Digitally: like a Zoom or Facetime meeting

In Person: at the church or grab a cup of coffee



WHAT TO SAY

At Start of Meeting:

1 Offer to pray! Invite God into your meeting - this will bring peace to your heart for sure.

2 Start with your why. Share with your pastor why God put this on your heart, if you have an unplanned story, you are an overcomer - so share it! Revelation 12:11

3 Explain what Embrace Grace is:
“There are too many single + pregnant women walking alone and with an Embrace Grace Support Group at our church, the women in our community don’t have to. Embrace Grace, Inc. equips us to be the FIRST place a single + pregnant woman runs to instead of the last because of shame and guilt.”

There are two biblically-based programs that the ministry has written curriculum for:

Embrace Grace - for single + pregnant women

Embrace Life - for single moms

Feel free to show OUR STORY VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iz5BaNWa1Lk>

or send it via email if you are meeting on the phone!

To share about OUR WHY use: embracegrace.com

To share details about our SUPPORT GROUPS:

prolovechurch.com



QUESTIONS

to ask your pastor

1. Do you see us launching this Support Group in-person or online?

a. If online - does the church have a Zoom account you can use? Or are you free to make your own free version?

b. If in-person, is there a classroom available for use? Will childcare be available for leaders' kids and any women who might already have kids?

2. Do you know of any women in our church who have been looking to plug into a ministry like this that I can ask to help lead? Or ask them to pray and ask the Lord to bring someone to mind!

3. Do you have any concerns that I can take back to the Embrace Grace Team to ask specifically about?

4. How can this work with what ministries our church is already involved in? How can we get the women's ministry & men's ministry involved in helping? How can we introduce this to our church?

5. Are there any upcoming women's ministry events where I can present this to see if any other women at our church would want to help volunteer with starting an Embrace Grace group?

SUBMIT AGREEMENT *form*

When your pastor or priest says yes, the Ministry Agreement Form will need to be e-signed by both YOU as the leader and your pastor.

Go to prolovechurch.com/start-a-group

- 1** You will need to input your contact information first, e-sign it, then enter your pastors email address to submit.
- 2** Your pastor will receive an email notification, they will need to open their email to e-sign.
- 3** Once both parties have signed, you both will get a confirmation email as well as our team.
- 4** Our Groups Support Team will reach out via phone to welcome you and walk you through the Free Online Leaders Training & Support we offer!

THEN YOU AND YOUR CHURCH GET TO

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equipped to love single + pregnant women.*



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