

PREPARING YOUR CHURCH TO MAKE LIFE DISCIPLES

3 steps to prepare your congregation to start a *Making Life Disciples* ministry.

1. Engage Your Church Leadership

- Schedule time to meet with your pastor and/or the appropriate leadership team at your church.
- If you are able, show them the [five minute trailer](#) for the curriculum and the [two-minute pro-abundant life video](#) that shows how Care Net goes about discipleship in a holistic manner.
- Share the results of [LifeWay Research](#) that revealed that **4 out of 10 women** surveyed were actively attending church at the time of their abortion.
- Consider sharing the research study by [George Barna's American Culture & Faith Institute](#) showing abortion as the top issue congregants in conservative churches wanted to hear about from the pulpit. This will help church leadership grasp how important it is to prayerfully address the issue of abortion in the church so that women and men can be healed and transformed by power of the Gospel.
- Hand out the [Making Life Disciples brochure](#) giving an overview of the topics covered in the curriculum. Also, hand out the [Frequently Asked Question's \(FAQ's\) page](#).
- Accurately describe what the ministry resource is and the investment of time it will require. *Making Life Disciples* is first, a way to equip a select group of first-responders to offer compassion, hope, and help to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy and, second, a way to raise the life-affirming IQ of the whole church — including senior-highers — related to abortion. It is designed to be implemented in eight, 2-3 hour sessions.
- Be clear that the goal of *Making Life Disciples* is not about another program to implement but a way to prepare your church with lives to imitate — that is, to prepare a group of disciplers that will offer compassion, hope, and help to men and women in an unplanned and/or unwanted pregnancies.
- Ask your church leadership to pray and consider starting a *Making Life Disciples* ministry and appointing a *Making Life Disciples* ministry leader.
- When your church leadership is ready to begin this important ministry, order your *Making Life Disciple's* Leader's Kit at store.care-net.org/for-churches.

2. In consultation with *Making Life Disciples* ministry leader, enlist a team of individuals with a heart like yours to get together and pray in preparation for:

- Your church as they stand for life in the community. Abortion is, after all, a spiritual battle and an attack against the most vulnerable among us who are made in the image of God.
- Your church to become equipped to offer compassion, hope, help, and ongoing discipleship to women and men considering abortion.
- Wisdom for the church leadership in selecting a *Making Life Disciples* ministry leader. God to bring those He has called to serve as Life Disciples.
- Open hearts for the women and men in the church and community who are considering abortion. That they will seek help from your church's Life Disciples.
- For those who have been wounded by abortion in the past who will need post-abortion healing. That they will step forward and not be afraid.

3. Follow the Leader's Guide of the *Making Life Disciples* Leader's Kit that you purchased to launch your very first *Making Life Disciple's* Training!