

CELEBRATE RECOVERY WORKSHOP - THRIVE 2022

The purpose of our time together is:

1. To give you more _____ about Celebrate Recovery.
2. To help you _____ if Celebrate Recovery is for your church.
3. Finally, you will be given _____ to take _____ if you would like to start a Celebrate Recovery at your church.

I Pastor Bayside's Recovery Ministries, which include Celebrate Recovery (adult), Celebration Place (kids k-6th), The Landing (teens 7th-12th). I've had the great honor of leading CPR (Celebrating Pastors in Recovery) for Pastors who were teetering on the edge of self-destruct. I serve as the Lead State Rep for Northern California. I've been married to my wife Debi for almost 48 years, we have 3 adult children and 10 grandchildren. Debi also serves alongside me every Friday night at Celebrate Recovery.

1. INFORMATION ABOUT CELEBRATE RECOVERY:

- * Is in _____ churches world-wide.
- * Is a _____ program.
- * Began 27 years ago at Saddleback Church by John & Cheryl Baker

THE DNA OF AN AUTHENTIC CELEBRATE RECOVERY MINISTRY:

- 1) Jesus Christ is the one and only Higher Power. The program is a Christ-centered ministry.
- 2) The Bible and Celebrate Recovery curriculum consisting of the [Leader's Guide](#), [The Journey Begins](#), [The Journey Continues](#), [Your First Steps to Celebrate Recovery](#), [Celebrate Recovery Program Bundle](#), [Testimonies to Go](#), [Life's Healing Choices](#), [Celebrate Recovery Daily Devotional](#), [Celebrate Recovery Journal](#), [The Landing](#), and [Celebration Place](#) are to be used exclusively. The Large Group lessons are taught from the Leader's Guide, keeping at least the acrostic and the lessons. This is to keep consistency within groups, allowing teachers to be creative with the introduction and conclusion of each lesson.
- 3) The ministry is "group based." All groups are gender-specific and "The Five Small Group Guidelines" are implemented and followed every time.
- 4) There are NO CR online groups. Face to face meetings ONLY. Also, no CR lessons are to be posted online via Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo or any other public forum as this is a copyright violation.

5) We expect each group to be accountable to Christ, the local church, and the model of Celebrate Recovery established at Saddleback Church.

6) Celebrate Recovery is a ministry of the local church. Therefore, Celebrate Recovery will not attempt to dictate any doctrine or policy to a local church. A local Celebrate Recovery ministry should follow the policies of their local church and continue to be grateful for their continued support.

Rick Warren says that Celebrate Recovery is a leadership factory! The truth is that Celebrate recovery is a discipleship ministry, helping people move from come and see to come and die. If you want more devoted followers of Jesus Christ in your church, you will want to consider Celebrate Recovery.

2. IS CELEBRATE RECOVERY FOR YOUR CHURCH?

VALID REASONS NOT TO HAVE CELEBRATE RECOVERY:

*No _____ support - your senior pastor needs to support it. If not it won't work. The pastor needs to make it okay for people to go!

* No _____ to _____

INVALID REASONS NOT TO HAVE CELEBRATE RECOVERY:

* ***I don't have _____ in my church!*** We don't have those kind of people... That is not a valid reason from my perspective to reject Celebrate Recovery.

One in Four people who walk into Celebrate Recovery _____ struggle with alcohol or drug addiction. Things like depression, broken relationships, codependency, anger, isolation, pornography, are just some of the other reasons people come into Celebrate Recovery.

I am a _____ church.... Will CR work in my church? If your church has more than 100 people not the weekend service, your church can build a Celebrate Recovery ministry. If it is smaller than 100 people, you may want to partner with another church. (The average CR group is 25-35 people.... I'd take 25 people any day that are working on themselves!)

I don't have _____ for one more thing on my plate.... Celebrate Recovery is run by volunteers. As a pastor, this will not be on your plate.... Your State Rep will help you identify a leader from the first interest meeting you have.

We _____ it and it _____ work.... That was the case at Bayside. Some of the strongest CR ministries come from churches that tried it before.

3. NEXT STEPS TO START A CELEBRATE RECOVERY:

- * Contact your _____ Representative
- * _____ some Celebrate Recovery meetings
- * Organize an _____ meeting
- * Start the _____ kick-off plan
- * Continue to _____ with your State Rep
- * **Sign-up you and your Team for the CR Summit | Dallas Texas | July 20-22 | Pottershouse**

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: www.celebraterecovery.com or Download the CR App

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