

FLATIRON CHURCH

Helping people take their next steps in following Jesus

Stephen Ministry

One-to-one Christian care when life gets hard. Because everyone needs someone to walk alongside them.

You don't have to walk alone

Life has a way of throwing curveballs. Maybe you're facing grief, illness, job loss, or just feeling overwhelmed. We get it—everyone needs support sometimes. That's where Stephen Ministry comes in.

What is Stephen Ministry?

A trained Stephen Minister is matched with someone going through a tough time. They meet weekly for an hour to pray, listen, and offer the kind of support that reminds you God hasn't forgotten about you. It's distinctively Christian care that honors your story.

Who is a Stephen Minister?

Think of them as a caring Christian friend who's been thoroughly trained to provide high-quality emotional and spiritual support. They're congregation members who felt called to this ministry and were prayerfully selected to serve.

What can you expect?

Your Stephen Minister will meet with you faithfully each week for as long as there's a need. They'll listen without judgment, pray with you, and offer encouragement. Everything shared is kept in strict confidentiality. You'll be matched with someone of the same gender who's committed to being there for you.

"Stephen Ministers usually provide care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for an hour."

How it works

Getting connected with a Stephen Minister is straightforward. We've designed the process to be as comfortable as possible because we know reaching out can feel vulnerable.

1 **Reach out**

Text CARE to 51502, or fill out our confidential request form online. This first step is often the hardest, but you're not alone anymore.

2 **Initial conversation**

Our Referral Coordinator will contact you to discuss your specific needs and explain the process. No pressure—just a caring conversation about how we can support you.

3 **Matching**

With your permission, we'll assign a Stephen Minister of the same gender who's well-suited to walk alongside you in your specific situation.

4 **Begin the journey**

Your Stephen Minister will contact you directly to schedule your first meeting. From there, you'll meet weekly to begin the journey of healing and hope together.

Important to know

Stephen Ministers provide excellent care, but there are some situations that require professional help. Stephen Ministry isn't designed for:

Minors	Couples/Families	Severe Depression
Personality Disorders	Abuse Issues	Substance Abuse
Suicidal Behavior	Violent Behavior	Mental/Emotional Disturbances
Financial Assistance	Childcare/Transportation	Career Placement

If any of these apply to your situation, we'll help connect you with appropriate professional resources.

Ready to take the next step?

You don't have to carry life's burdens alone. Let us walk alongside you.

Rich Huls - Referral Coordinator

Questions about Stephen Ministry or ready to get started