

# ***All Things New Accountability Partner Rules of Engagement***



I understand that I am volunteering to serve as an Accountability/Prayer Partner for a person who is participating in a Bible Study/Discipleship Ministry for people who experience same-sex attraction (SSA) which is facilitated by lay leaders. This ministry, with its weekly group meetings, does not constitute or include any form of professional counseling. I am not required to have any special knowledge about healing from the effects of SSA or any knowledge about counseling. I understand that my application to participate in Ministry as an Accountability Partner will be reviewed by Ministry Leadership prior to my pairing with a person enrolled in the Discipleship program.

All information shared with me by the person I am supporting will be kept confidential, and will not be shared with any person outside of the ministry. Information obtained from a participant will only be shared with the facilitators when it is necessary to learn how best to support him/her. I will immediately contact the ministry facilitators if:

- I believe the person I am supporting is at risk for suicide.
- I believe the person I am supporting intends to harm another person.

I understand that my role is to serve as a Christian friend for a person who desires healing from the effects of SSA.

## **I WILL**

- Talk in person or by telephone with the person I am supporting at a minimum once every 2 weeks
- Provide unconditional non-judgmental love (it is the Holy Spirit's job to convict of sin)
- Listen to his/her story and ask questions to better understand
- Empathize with his/her feelings and stand in a surrogate role of the offender to apologize for hurts he/she has experienced at the hands of others
- Provide a sense of belonging and acceptance of him/her as a child of God right where he/she is without trying to change anything about his/her life
- Help him/her to learn to be a man around other men or a woman around other women
- Help him/her to complete optional exercises in the *Practical Exercises for Men/Women in Recovery of SSA* workbook if he/she chooses to work through the exercises that pertain to his/her unique situation
- Provide healthy touch as he/she and I are comfortable (such as hugs or placing my hand on his/her arm or shoulder for a more intimate connection while speaking with him/her)
- Pray for him/her regularly – that God will reveal His truth to him/her
- Contact the ministry facilitators right away when I have questions about how best to support the person I am assigned to

## I WILL NOT

- Offer solutions or try to ‘fix’ his/her situation or circumstances (that is God’s role)
- Point out Scriptures that condemn homosexuality or use the Bible as a weapon to condemn
- Provide counseling or therapy in any form

I agree to abide by all of the conditions listed above.

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Print name followed by Signature

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Date