



The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister

Since 1975, more than 600,000 Christians from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers. They became Stephen Ministers as a way to help others who were hurting—but they quickly discovered that God blesses them in amazing ways as well.

“I’ve been a Stephen Minister for nearly ten years and can truly say it becomes a part of your life. I’m more in tune with people’s needs, and I always do my best to listen, care, and model the love of Jesus. It’s amazing to see God working through me to change lives.”

*Kelly, Professor
Shoreview, Minnesota*

“Stephen Minister training taught me how to be a caregiver, but even more, it taught me how to live life in a new way—sharing Christ’s love with other people. It’s an awesome blessing to be used by God to bring hope and healing to someone else.”

*Mike, Carpenter
Kennesaw, Georgia*

“Stephen Ministry has enhanced every relationship I have. Now I can listen and be there without feeling like I have to rush in and try to fix things—which my 15-year-old really appreciates! I’m much more at peace in difficult situations because I realize that it’s not me, but Christ within me, who does the work.”

*Yvette, Accountant
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

“The assertiveness skills I learned through Stephen Ministry gave me the courage and confidence I needed to be a more effective supervisor in my job—and to be more assertive in my personal relationships. It’s made a difference in many areas of my life.”

*Gary, Restaurant Manager
Portland, Oregon*

“Through Stephen Minister training, I’ve come a long way in my spiritual walk. The skills I learned as a Stephen Minister are modeled on how Jesus related to people, so I can use them in many different settings to bring the love of God to others.”

*Li, Social Worker
Sydney, Australia*

“Since becoming a Stephen Minister, I’ve experienced a richness of God’s grace beyond anything I could have imagined. To truly listen with the ears of Christ, to see others through his eyes, to know his heart, to see Jesus working through me to touch the life of someone else is a window into heaven.”

*William, Business Owner
Katy, Texas*



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“Because of Stephen Minister training, I relate better to family, friends, neighbors—everyone I meet. I’ve experienced the fruit of the spirit in a whole new way, and God is part of my daily life more than ever before.”

*Julie, Stay-at-Home Mom
Irvine, California*

“Stephen Ministry gave me the skills I needed to minister to other people during times of deep need. I’m awed God can use me like this.”

*Mary, Teacher (Retired)
Saint Petersburg, Florida*

“Without a doubt, serving as a Stephen Minister has been the most rewarding, growth-producing, meaningful thing I’ve ever done!”

*Derek, Electrician
Las Cruces, New Mexico*

“My faith has grown, my prayer life has been strengthened, and I know how to really make a difference in people’s lives. I encourage anyone who has the chance to become a Stephen Minister to go for it!”

*Jason, Architect
Boston, Massachusetts*

“My training as a Stephen Minister has helped me grow—personally, spiritually, and professionally. I use my Stephen Ministry skills all the time with patients and colleagues. It’s made a big difference in my own life and in my congregation.”

*Sofia, Registered Nurse
Hendersonville, Tennessee*

“Becoming a Stephen Minister has drawn me closer to God by allowing me to be Christ’s presence to another person. It’s made me part of a loving, caring family of Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders who support each other in their ministry.”

*Frank, U.S. Navy (Retired)
Ballwin, Missouri*

“Being a Stephen Minister has taught me to rely on God instead of always trying to fix things myself. I’ve learned what to say, how to listen, and what to do during a crisis. It’s a great feeling to provide people with the spiritual care and support they need.”

*Rachel, Physician
Boulder, Colorado*

“Serving as a Stephen Minister is much bigger than just helping other people. It becomes part of you—it changes you for the better. My faith is stronger. I’ve learned to listen, care, pray aloud more comfortably, and be more assertive. With God’s help I’ll continue to grow through this wonderful ministry.”

*Donna, Cafeteria Assistant
Jacksonville, North Carolina*

“Stephen Ministry has given me a way to serve God more faithfully by bringing his presence to those in need. In the process, God has blessed me with skills I didn’t know I had and enriched my life in more ways than I could imagine.”

*Gene, Aerospace Engineer
Manassas, Virginia*