

GriefShare

Purpose/Goals of Ministry: What is to be accomplished by this ministry team?	To provide a secure environment in which to promote healing during the grief journey and to provide opportunity for participants to express honest feelings and explore effective coping strategies for both emotional and spiritual growth.
What talents, skills, and spiritual gifts would be helpful to this ministry?	Knowledge of grief dynamics, group techniques, and community and church resources.
Time Commitment: When & how often do you meet? What other time commitments are there?	13 weeks in the fall and 13 weeks winter/spring. Meetings are held from 7-9 pm in the St. James Retreat House. Leaders also provide a special one- time program on Surviving the Holidays which is typically held the third Sunday afternoon in November.
What specific responsibilities do members of this team have?	Provide support and leadership through the 13 week program and holiday program. Maintain confidentiality.
Connections: What other ministry teams does this team work with directly?	Ministers of St. James, particularly Minister of Adult Ministries
Mission: How does this ministry team help people to follow Jesus, love others, and change the world?	This support group enables participants to heal from the pain of grief and learn how to be more sensitive to the needs of other grieving people.
Other: What else do we need to know about this ministry team?	Leaders need to recognize when participants' needs extend beyond the function of the group and seek assistance from the clergy to make referrals to appropriate community resources.
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