

LET'S DO THIS!

Presenting **DivorceCare** to
your pastor—a detailed guide

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SCHEDULE A 30-MINUTE MEETING WITH YOUR PASTOR

Scheduling a meeting allows you to prepare in advance, so you'll remember key points. (And you'll avoid ambushing your pastor on a Sunday morning when he's probably not ready to process the info.)



EMAIL YOUR PASTOR

Dear Pastor (Name),

I'd like to schedule a meeting with you to discuss a potential new ministry for our church—DivorceCare. It's a biblically based, lay-led support group program to help people hurting from the pain of divorce and separation.

This is a topic that is near and dear to my heart, and I am excited about the potential DivorceCare has to impact both our congregation and the community.

During our meeting, I'll outline the basics of the ministry and how I could help implement it at (Your Church Name). Is there a day next week we could meet for 30 minutes?

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and consider this opportunity.

In Christ,
(Your Name)

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PREP FOR YOUR MEETING

Before you present DivorceCare to your pastor or church leader, connect with one of our coaches. Our DivorceCare coaches have years of experience in helping people present the ministry to their pastor. A coach will make sure you're prepared for your meeting by answering your questions, making sure you know the key information to present, pointing you to additional resources, and offering encouragement.

**CALL A DIVORCECARE
MINISTRY COACH!**



800-489-7778



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PITCH THE MINISTRY

So what should you say to your pastor during your appointment? Here's what we suggest.



SHARE WHAT DIVORCECARE IS

Your pastor probably has no idea what DivorceCare is. So don't assume that he knows how it works. Help your pastor understand that DivorceCare is:

- A Christ-centered, video-based support group ministry that can be hosted online or in person
- A ministry program for people hurting from the pain of separation or divorce, many of whom did not want or expect the breakup
- A much-needed source of help and care during one of the most stressful times of life
- Designed to encourage reconciliation whenever possible



SHARE YOUR PASSION

Most pastors don't like ministries that start fast and fizzle out. Share your heart and your commitment to DivorceCare so that your pastor understands:

- Your passion for this ministry
- Your vision for DivorceCare and your commitment to it



SHARE YOUR PLAN

Let your pastor know DivorceCare provides free coaching to help you get the ministry started. The coach will help you:

- Recruit and train volunteers (using DivorceCare's free training resources)
- Promote the group using ready-made publicity tools
- Run the video- and workbook-based 13-week support group program



SHARE WHAT YOU NEED

You don't need a lot of your pastor's time to get DivorceCare up and running. But you will need a few things:

- A meeting space to host DivorceCare
- Access/permission to promote the group on the church website, in the bulletin, in the community, etc.
- A DivorceCare kit: everything you need to launch this ministry

QUICK TIP

BE READY FOR THE QUESTION: “HOW MUCH DOES DIVORCECARE COST?”

Your pastor will probably want to know how much it costs to get DivorceCare started. Below is something you could say to answer the question. Plus we've added an info sheet at the end of this guide that you can give to your pastor.



HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN SAY

Ministry kits are available in three sizes, which include additional participant workbooks, and start at \$395.

Many churches charge a modest registration fee to cover ministry expenses. Over time, registration fees could reimburse the church for the cost of the kit. It's also likely there are people in our church who have a passion for this type of ministry and would be willing to give money toward the cost of the program. Asking someone to donate the kit is another way churches cover this cost.

You can set it up for participants to buy their own workbooks when they register and have the books shipped directly.

Also, the kit comes with a 30-day guarantee, so we can return it within 30 days for a full refund.

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WRAP UP THE MEETING

As you wrap up, you'll want to make sure your pastor knows what the next steps are in the decision-making process.

- Leave a copy of the final page in this booklet with your pastor.
- Ask your pastor when he will let you know the final decision.
- Pray that you get approval to start DivorceCare.
- Follow up with your pastor on the day he says he'll have a decision.



RECONNECT WITH US

Contact your coach after the meeting to let us know how it went! 800-489-7778
(919-562-2112 international)

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BE SURE TO FOLLOW UP

Even though your pastor is busy, don't hesitate to inquire about the status of your request. Polite persistence demonstrates your commitment to getting DivorceCare started.





WHAT IS DIVORCECARE?

DivorceCare is a Christ-centered, video-based support group. It's the ideal way for your church to help people heal from the pain of divorce or separation. Important points:

- You'll receive everything you need to host a support group ministry.
- Lay leaders can host DivorceCare—so it requires minimal staff time.
- Groups can be offered both in person and online.
- People come to Christ! DivorceCare grows your church.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?



13 VIDEO SESSIONS

Weekly 30-minute videos with expert insights, counsel, and relatable stories



BONUS HOLIDAY VIDEO & GUIDE

A Surviving the Holidays event kit to help people through seasonal challenges



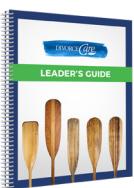
PARTICIPANT GUIDE

An interactive workbook to bring about a fuller healing experience



ONLINE TOOLS & TRAINING

A resource hub with training videos, registration tools, a help forum, and more



LEADER'S GUIDE

Easy to use with lesson plans, discussion questions, and tips for leading



GUIDED JOURNAL

A helpful resource for group members to process emotions and find new ways to cope

**YOUR MINISTRY KIT
INCLUDES ALL THIS
AND MORE**

Base Ministry Kit* price:

\$395

*Special bundle pricing available.

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30-DAY GUARANTEE

The DivorceCare kit is sold with a 30-day guarantee. If you are not satisfied with your purchase, return it to us for a refund (excluding shipping charges). The 30-day return policy does not apply to items purchased in addition to the kit.