



Stephen Ministry at



Personal Profile for Potential Stephen Ministry Training

CONFIDENTIAL

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____
(Number & Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Phone Numbers _____
(Home) (Cell) (Work/Other)

1. Are you a member of *Fellowship of the Rockies*?
Yes ___ No ___ Planning to attend next FOR Member Class _____

2. Please share briefly about your salvation experience (your testimony).

3. How long have you been attending *Fellowship of the Rockies*?

4. What has been your level of involvement?
___ Regular attendance at worship services ___ Member of a *Life Group* ___ Work in Children's Ministry
___ Work in Youth Ministry ___ Serve as an Usher or Greeter ___ Serve in Women's Ministry

Attend a Bible study group at the church Serve in the Band/Worship Team/Choir
 Serve on the technical team Have been on a Mission Trip w/ FOR Other

5. Have you been baptized by immersion since you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?
Yes No If no, please explain.
6. Describe why you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister.
7. What spiritual gifts or strengths do you believe God has given you that would help you serve effectively as a Stephen Minister?
8. In what ways do you think you will benefit personally from your training and service as a Stephen Minister?
9. Based on your current understanding of what it means to be a Stephen Minister, what do you think would be difficult or challenging aspects of this role for you?
10. How would people who know you describe the way you relate to others?
11. Are you willing to commit to serve faithfully for a period of no less than two years? This includes:
- The initial 50 hours of training;
 - Regular visits to your care receiver (weekly or a mutually agreed-upon frequency);
 - Twice-monthly Small Group Peer Supervision.
- Yes No
- What changes would you need to make in your life in order to fulfill this commitment?

12. Have you read "*The Essentials We Believe?*" (Attached at the end of this document)

Yes ____ No ____

Do you agree with the biblical beliefs stated in that document? Yes ____ No ____ (If no, please explain below)

13. Do you believe you have a positive testimony with the people of our church? Yes ____ No ____

With your family members? Yes ____ No ____

With the people in your neighborhood? Yes ____ No ____

With your work associates? Yes ____ No ____

14. Do you believe you have the desire and people skills necessary to work in this ministry? (With the understanding that you will be equipped on an ongoing basis)

Yes ____ No ____ Not sure ____

15. Do you have an understanding of basic biblical doctrines? (God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, salvation by grace, eternal security, baptism)

Yes ____ No ____ Pretty much ____ I need more equipping/instruction

16. Please share what convictions and/or experiences God used to call you into this kind of ministry. (Life experiences in your past, your prayer time, scripture God used to speak to you, input from friends who

observed you ministering to others, etc.)

17. Please provide three references who are not members of this congregation.

a. Name _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

Phone number _____

b. Name _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

Phone number _____

c. Name _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

Phone number _____

18. Have you ever received treatment for any emotional or psychiatric problems?

Yes No

If yes, someone from the Stephen Leader Team will speak with you about this so that the team may better understand its significance in your life and ministry.

(Note: A great many caregivers have been made stronger in their caregiving ministry through the care they themselves have received, including care from mental health professionals. Your Stephen Leader Team affirms the work of mental health professionals, who have helped many individuals to experience growth and healing. Members of the Stephen Leader Team request this information because they want to be as fully informed as possible about their Stephen Ministers.)

19. Have you ever been charged with a crime?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, explain in detail, using additional paper as needed. Someone from the Stephen Leader Team will speak with you about this so that the team may better understand its significance in your life and ministry.

20. Have you left another church in the last two years?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what was your reason for leaving?

Please read the following statement and sign below.

The information I have provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If selected, I agree to participate in Stephen Ministry training, in Small Group Peer Supervision, and to function within the boundaries of Stephen Ministry as adopted by my congregation. I give permission for the congregation, if it deems necessary, to call my references, secure a police background check on me, and consult with the treating physician(s) or other mental health professionals regarding the nature of any treatment I have received for emotional or psychiatric problems.

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for completing this application.

Please return your completed application to:

Fellowship of the Rockies
3892 W Northern Ave
Pueblo, CO 81005
ATTN: Jane Farnworth, Stephen Ministry Team Leader

OR you can simply return it to the Church Office.

THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE

ABOUT GOD:

God is the creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed as three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Examine these Scriptures:

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27, 3:2

Psalms 90:2

Matthew 28:19

I Peter 1:2

II Corinthians 13:14

ABOUT JESUS:

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a virgin. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return to Earth someday to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Examine these Scriptures:

Matthew 1:22-23

Isaiah 9:6

John 1:1-5, 14:10-30

Hebrews 4:14-15

I Corinthians 15:3-4

Romans 1:3-4

Acts 1:9-11

I Timothy 6:14-15

Titus 2:13

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT:

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with the power for living, understanding of the spiritual truths, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when we are saved. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily.

Examine these Scriptures:

II Corinthians 3:17

John 16:7-13

Acts 1:8

I Corinthians 2:12, 3:16

Ephesians 1:13

Galatians 5:25

Ephesians 5:18

ABOUT THE BIBLE:

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

Examine these Scriptures:

II Timothy 3:16

II Peter 1:20-21

II Timothy 1:13

Psalms 119:105, 160, 12:6

Proverbs 30:5

ABOUT HUMANKIND:

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Examine these Scriptures:

Genesis 1:27

Psalms 8:3-6

Isaiah 53:6a

Romans 3:23

Isaiah 59: 1-2

ABOUT SALVATION:

Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his/her life by faith.

Examine these Scriptures:

Romans 6:23

Ephesians 2:8-9

John 14:6, 1:12

Titus 3:5

Galatians 3:26

Romans 5:1

NOTE: Though it is not essential for salvation, we believe BAPTISM by immersion is an essential step of obedience after a person has repented of sin and trusted Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus himself was baptized as a model for us to follow (Mark 1:9). Just as Jesus was buried and raised from the dead, immersion is the only mode of baptism that adequately depicts our death to the old life and resurrection to the new life.

Examine these scriptures:

Matthew 28:19-20

Colossians 2:12

Romans 6:4

Matthew 3:166

Acts 2:41

Acts 8:12

ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY:

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot “lose” it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us such security.

Examine these Scriptures:

John 10:29

II Timothy 1:12

Hebrews 7:25, 10:10, 14

I Peter 1:3-5

ABOUT ETERNITY:

People were created to exist forever. We will exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

Examine these Scriptures:

John 3:16

Romans 6:23

Revelation 20:15

ADDED NOTE:

While the doctrine regarding “speaking in tongues” is not one of the essential beliefs of our church, it is a doctrine that needs clarification since it affects our practice of corporate worship. Our belief is stated below.

WHY WE DO NOT ALLOW THE GIFT OF TONGUES IN OUR PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES

This gift caused such a problem in the Corinthian church that Paul had to write an entire chapter (1 Corinthians 14) of guidelines because they began to use it for themselves rather than for gospel proclamation or validation of Christ’s message. The Bible teaches the following:

1. It is for personal edification, not for the whole church.

“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.”

(1 Corinthians 14:4)

2. We are to focus on building up others, not ourselves.
"...Unless you speak intelligible words...you will just be speaking into the air...try to excel in the gifts that build up the church."
(1 Corinthians 14:9,12)

3. It confuses unbelievers in the service.
"...if some unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind?"
(1 Corinthians 14:23)

4. Ideally, it is not meant to be used in the worship service.
"In the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers stop thinking like children."
(1 Corinthians 14:19-20)

"The gift of proclaiming God's message should be under the speaker's control because God does not want us to be in disorder but in harmony and peace."
(1 Corinthians 14:32-33)

5. It was a sign gift to "unbelieving Jews" of the first century that fulfilled Old Testament Scripture. It also served as a sign gift to believing Jews that God was expanding the gospel to others outside their culture (See: Acts 2:16; 10:45-46; 19:6).