

## SUGGESTIONS FOR SPONSORS

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, and help you to properly interpret Emmaus/Chrysalis and recognize your responsibility in sharing God's Grace as a sponsor.

1. When you are talking to a married person, please talk with both husband and wife. We want both the husband and wife to make the decision together. Their applications should be turned in together.
2. Remember, Emmaus or Chrysalis is not for everyone. This is not just a fun weekend. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, bring enthusiasm to every disenchanted church member, cure disturbed persons, or make saints of sinners. This program is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. Participants should at least know where the path is, if they are not already walking it. We don't want just any candidate, we need the best.
3. Feel free to share with a potential applicant what the weekend meant for you as fully as will help, realizing that all explanations will fall short. Answer any questions that are asked. It's not that we are not allowed to tell what went on, but it is difficult to explain. We want their experience to be fresh, especially for Candlelight and the agape letters, which will hopefully be surprises.
4. Don't assume the person you are sponsoring will experience the same things you did on the weekend. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey. For some, the experience will be a mountain top, a new beginning. For others, it will be strengthening for the journey they are already on. We must not pre-judge our candidates or set them up with unhelpful expectations.
5. In order to assure the applicant you are personally interested in their attending, make plans to not only bring them to the site for Send-off, but stay through for Sponsor's Hour. All this is a form of prayer and sacrifice for them.
6. During the weekend, you and your family become a substitute for the participant. Leave your phone number with their family. Do something special for them during the weekend, like giving them a few hours during the day of personal time. Share a meal with them. Let the participant's family know that you love and care for them.
7. You have responsibilities to the participant. Pray for him or her daily during the weekend. Write agape letters and make sure others do likewise, especially those closest to them. Support your participant with your presence at Candlelight and Closing.
8. After the weekend, stay in contact and support the new member you sponsored. Be responsible for them getting to the Reunion following their weekend. Take them to, at least, their first Gathering. Help them become involved in a Group Reunion as soon as possible.