



# **SDRM CHAPEL**

**TRAINING REFRESH CALL**

**PURPOSE, EXPECTATIONS,  
AND GUIDELINES**

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# CURRENT HAPPENINGS

- Another COVID surge strikes the Mission (volunteers limited to chapel hosts, chaplains and food servers). No new students/guests as of right now. Masks required.
- We are nearing full capacity at the Mission, have been welcoming 7-12 new students per week before COVID surge.
- New lobby is spectacular! Please be sure to check it out.
- Bread of Life closure – Oceanside Navigation Center to open by year-end (many delays).
- Hired new Volunteer Program Manager, Vicki ORourke
- Church Partnerships Intern Benjamin Kasdorf starts next week. He'll be attending some chapel services.
- Held a Pastors Summit in April and created "The Believers Creed on Homelessness". Stay tuned for how we plan to roll this out!

# The SDRM Approach

Our approach to changing the state of homelessness in San Diego

Last year **over 20,000 people** experienced homelessness in San Diego County

**Engaging** people experiencing homelessness



**Strategic Outreach**

A community of men and women who have been through our program and **are ready to contribute**



**Alumni Ambassadors**

Initial **30-day** landing spot to navigate a path forward



**Navigation Centers**

**Mission Academy**

**Graduation**

Fall and Spring ceremony for those who **completed the program**



**12-month** faith based rehabilitation



# PURPOSE OF CHAPEL

TO ENCOUNTER GOD  
IN NEW AND FRESH WAYS

# WHY CHAPEL?

- To provide students with opportunity to encounter God through **worship and praise** and **learning from his word**.
- To expose students to a **corporate worship experience**.
- To share the truth of God's faithfulness and **offer encouragement and hope** through your testimonies.
- To expose our students to different church settings and preaching/worship styles
- To give our students an opportunity to serve in a ministry setting



# HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

# COVID PROTOCOLS CONTINUE...

With the recent COVID upsurge, we've had to reinstate some of our previous health protocol. While many are immune/vaccinated now, we still ask that you please...

- Wear masks at all times when not speaking/singing
- Refrain from physical touch
- Use hand sanitizing stations or restrooms to wash your hands
- Refrain from coming if you are feeling ill or have a fever

We set the example for our students and guests. Please be mindful that our students look up to you and will follow your example.



# **PREACHING & TEACHING INSTRUCTIONS**

**THE ROLE OF “RESCUE”**



# MORE THAN A SERMON...

## PREACHING A SERMON

- You come and deliver a 20-30 minute talk for our students

## LEADING A SERVICE

- You prayerfully *plan the entire hour*.
- You *bring a worship team* (and sing familiar songs).
- Students leave with some simple key takeaways.
- Careful use of scripture to support a big idea – less scrolling and more personal testimony and application.
- You offer to *pray with people* at the end (and bring others to pray with you)!
- BONUS: Bring a small group to provide treats at the close of chapel!

# WHAT RESONATES...

- Songs they know and can sing along to.  
*Tip: Just Google "Top 20 Worship Songs for 2019-2021" and you'll get a great list!*
- Sermons based on your own real-life experience (addiction, grief and loss, incarceration, abandonment, depression, physical pain and suffering, isolation, family conflict) and how you overcame your struggles with God's help. Keep in mind "appropriate vulnerability".
- When you relate to them on their level -- where they are -- and not with condescending or patronizing messages. Don't call out their sin or plead for repentance – rather help them overcome their shame/guilt by encouraging them to embrace the deep LOVE of Christ.
- A loving invitation to a turning point -- actions for every level of faith. Not just salvation! "Step closer to the urgency of the mission of Jesus", "Come back to your first love/good shepherd, "Stop living in bondage of guilt and shame", etc.

# THEMES THAT CAN ALWAYS STAND REPEATING

- God is who He says He is.
- God can do what He says He can do.
- You are who God says you are.
- You can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens you.
- God's word is alive and active in YOU!

*Believing God is different than believing IN God.*

# CONSIDER YOUR AUDIENCE



- *A wide range of spiritual maturity levels...*

- Non-believers, atheists, skeptics
- No church background at all
- Mature believers
- Misguided believers (warped view of God from childhood)

- *... so, let your worship and message reflect this.*

- Don't assume they know a story from the Bible
- Educate them on the Bible itself; how it's laid out, difference between Old and New Testament, how to read/study it, different translations, etc.
- Don't assume they've ever been to church before. Explain why we do certain things like pray/serve/give, what talking to God looks like, why we call Jesus our friend, etc.
- Go light on the volume of Scripture you read and heavier on your personal testimony and application (simplicity is key)
- Invite them into actions that are relevant to where they might be in their faith.

- *A lot of underlying trauma* (including spiritual trauma), mental illness, addiction and/or abuse. **Encourage and empower** them in their journey to healing and wholeness.



Traumatic stress can deeply influence our students/guests' ability to hear and respond to the hope of the Gospel.

# **CREATING A TRAUMA-INFORMED ENVIRONMENT**

We are committed to creating a safe, predictable, non-threatening, environment where our students and guests can learn about God in a respectful and non-coercive or manipulative manner.

# GENERAL GUIDELINES

*Chapel is a time to worship, praise and uplift.*

- We welcome messages of love, hope, and encouragement, rooted in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- Only the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith are to be taught. Teachings specific to your denomination are not permitted.
- Baptisms are not to be conducted.
- Communion is not to be conducted without prior permission.
- Do not invite our students to "pray you in or out".
- Please seek permission prior to giving anything to students (gifts, clothing, bookmarks, certificates, mementos, etc.). **NO CASH!**
- Abide by the San Diego Rescue Mission's Statement of Faith

# ADDITIONAL SENSITIVITIES AND PRACTICAL REMINDERS

- Taking pictures/videos of the men and women is strictly prohibited. Please communicate this to your entire team beforehand.
- No physical touch (even in prayer or sermon illustrations) without permission.
- Avoid “scare tactics” or messages of condemnation.
- No “hellfire and brimstone.”
- Watch your sound levels – no yelling/slamming of furniture/or roaming the aisles to illustrate a point.  
No super loud music.
- Please seek permission from advocate before mentoring students one-on-one or taking them off Mission property.



# WHEN STUDENTS ATTEND YOUR CHURCH...

While we encourage them to attend your church to establish a support network, please remember they are still in recovery.

Therefore, do not pressure them to:

- **Tithe when they get a job**, There are many extenuating, confidential circumstances around their management of money of which you may not be aware.
- **Serve in a volunteer or staff capacity** without first checking with their SDRM Advocate. Many of our students are still in classes at the Mission and until they complete them, they will not be able to commit to outside commitments, even though they think they can.

# TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO YOUR CHURCH

At present, our students travel in groups  
to 4 local churches on Sundays.

We currently **do not** have any vans/drivers available to drive  
students to other churches.

However, if you would like to pick up students from the Mission,  
bring them to your church and return them after your service,  
please reach out to Ashley.



# **THE SCHEDULE**

**HOW IT WORKS/WHAT DO TO IF...**



# HOW THE SCHEDULE WORKS

- We book the Chapel Schedule three months out:
  - Q1 schedule was sent out mid-December (for Jan-Mar)
  - Q2 schedule will be sent out mid-March (for April – June),
  - Q3 schedule will be sent out mid-June (for July – September)
  - Q4 schedule will be sent out mid-September (for Oct – Dec)
- We will send you a reminder within a week of your scheduled date.
- It is YOUR responsibility to review the schedule and either put it on your calendar (commit) or request a new date.
- Please do not wait until the week prior to cancel/reschedule.
- Begin securing your worship team as soon as the schedule comes out.



# EXPECTATIONS

# WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

- Come with a worship team and LEAD (vs. perform) worship!
  - From one worship singer and a guitar/piano to a full band (please no a cappella or Youtube videos).
  - As we add new churches to our rotation, we may not have room in our schedule for churches that can't bring worship
- Instructions for song/Scripture slides to our sound team at least 24 hours prior (or on Friday for Sunday services)
- Show up on time (6:00 pm)
- Let us know at least two weeks out if you cannot make your date
- If you are thinking of bringing a replacement speaker, please tell us 2 weeks prior so we can onboard the speaker with all the appropriate training, agreement forms and compliance. Speakers must have extensive experience and full pastoral support. No last-minute speaker changes please.



# LOGISTICS

PRIOR TO YOUR DAY / DAY OF

# TYPICAL CHAPEL SERVICE FORMAT

6:00pm – Pastor and Worship Team arrive to set up and sound check

6:45pm – Chapel service begins, SDRM host (CLA) opens in prayer

- 3 Worship songs with lyrics on screen, everyone invited to stand
- Scripture reading
- 20-25 minute sermon ending in prayer
- Closing song, blessing/benediction

7:45pm – Service ends

- Fellowship, prayer, snacks if provided

8:00pm – Everyone departs and chairs are reset for the morning



## DEADLINES

Wed. services: Due Tuesday by noon

Sunday services: Due Friday by noon

- Send any media (songs, Scripture, Power Point slides, videos, etc.) to [SDRMSoundassistant@gmail.com](mailto:SDRMSoundassistant@gmail.com) and copy [aguzik@sdrescue.org](mailto:aguzik@sdrescue.org)
- Provide us with instructions
  - # in your worship team
    - # of guitars, piano, drums, etc.
    - # of vocalists
  - Structure

“These songs will be played in the beginning and this will be our closing song.”

**DELIVERABLES  
PRIOR TO  
YOUR DAY**



# **CHAPLAINCY**

**INTERCEDE/ENCOURAGE/PRAY**



# FEMALE CHAPLAINS NEEDED!



We currently have 6 male chaplains and 4 female chaplains.

We ask that Chaplains:

- Commit to serving a two-hour shift once a week.
- Intentionally wander our halls.
- Engage in intercessory prayer for our students.
- Spend one-on-one time with our students and guests who need extra support.

Chaplaincy Requirements:

- Prior chaplaincy experience
- Committed member of a local church
- Pastoral referral

# CONTACT INFO

***Need to switch dates or cancel?***

***Have a question or feedback?***

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**THANK YOU!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!**