

# Celebrate Recovery®

## Guidelines and Tips for the Thursday Night Emcee

*Thank you for your willingness to share your gifts and experience by serving as the emcee at Brookwood Celebrate Recovery.*

### **PREPARATION:**

1. Familiarize yourself with the Thursday Night Emcee Format on the back of these Guidelines.
2. Familiarize yourself with the agenda and announcements for the evening.
3. As you think about what you're going to say, remember that you don't have to emulate what you've seen others do – and you don't have to be perfect, but we do want you to be well prepared and have the evening thought out.

### **ON THAT NIGHT:**

4. Please join us for prayer at 6:20 PM near the chapel stage on the night you're serving so we can pray with and for you.
5. You should get the microphone from the tech or worship team before the evening begins and do a sound check. When speaking, please hold the microphone close to your mouth and let the tech team adjust the volume if necessary. There is no need to say anything like, "is this thing on?" If it's not, the tech team will know and will adjust accordingly.

### **IMPORTANT TIPS:**

6. We want your personality to come through. Along with your introductions, you are free to share a BRIEF thought or two about what God is doing in your life, something that pertains to the lesson from your own life or encouraging words. Please keep these thoughts extremely brief. The idea is to use such transitions to keep a flow throughout the evening. It is not a soapbox.
7. In general, we do not use books or reference material from outside the approved Celebrate Recovery curriculum. Also, avoid quotes from individuals whose teachings are inconsistent with the gospel. This is not to say, for example, that you can't reference a song or movie in the appropriate context. If you have a question about what would be appropriate to include, please check with the Ministry Leader. You are responsible for making sure everything you say is consistent with the teaching of Celebrate Recovery and Brookwood Church.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Ministry Leader. We're so excited that you'll be sharing with us.*

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- **Welcome:** There will be a video countdown to start the evening. You should be on stage with the microphone and begin speaking when the clock hits zero. Remember, people will still be milling around so don't be afraid to get their attention (in a loving way, of course). The intro statement should be short and to the point. You want to convey:
  - Welcome people to Celebrate Recovery at Brookwood Church.
  - This is a safe place, and if you're a newcomer you should know we take confidentiality seriously here.
  - We start every meeting off with worship, but if you're not comfortable with that, it's okay. You are welcome here no matter where you are in your spiritual walk.
  - Introduce the Worship (and hand off your mic to the worship leader).
- **Announcements:** After worship, introduce yourself using the CR format and share the weekly announcements (make sure to review them ahead of time and include your own personal promotion of the events).
- **Readings:** Briefly explain the 12 steps and the 8 Principles for newcomers, and introduce those who will be reading them (we alternate between the 8 Principles and the 12 Steps each week).
- **Lesson/Testimony:** After the 12 Step or 8 Principle reading, introduce that night's lesson or testimony (for newcomers, explain how we alternate between lessons and testimonies each week).
- **Chip Night:** If it's chip night, explain (with the newcomer in mind) how chip night works, and why we do it. Be clear that they're a reminder of the work God is doing in our lives. Make sure to clearly explain the significance of the blue chip, and encourage people to take that step of faith.
- **Open Share Reminder:** After that night's lesson/testimony/chip celebration, you will explain the room assignments for Open Share Groups (remember to emphasize CR 101 for anyone who has never attended Celebrate Recovery, and direct people to the bulletin for other group locations).
- **Serenity/Lord's Prayer:** Finally, introduce and lead us in the Serenity Prayer or Lord's Prayer (NLT). We alternate these readings each week.
- **Dismiss:** Once they're done, dismiss people to their Open Share Groups, and invite everyone back to Crosstalk Café at 8:15 PM.

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