

Program Layout

Trinity Life Ministry is a year commitment. As you progress through the program you will be learning different aspects of life transformation. We want to give you an idea of the structure of the program and what your commitment will entail. Trinity Life Ministry is not a good fit for everyone. This program is not a “quick fix,” or a “get out of jail free card,” or a “place to stay” because you have nowhere else to go. Trinity is a long term program that requires a high level of commitment.

The Application Process

The first step is filling out an application along with reading and signing the accompanied documents. Please do not waste our time. If you are only applying because you have loved ones or some other outside pressure encouraging you to get help, but do not want the help yourself, please do not turn in the application. After filling out the application and signing the documents, you will need to turn it in to us. You can do this one of three ways: 1) hand it to us in person if you are local, 2) mail it to 817 N. 12th St. Lafayette, IN, 47904 or 3) fill out the application online at www.TrinityLifeMinistry.com. After we have received the application, we will review it.

The next step is an interview. We are unable to do on-the-spot interviews. If you handed the application to us in person, do not expect an interview immediately. However, we can schedule an interview for a later date. If you mailed the application to us, we will call to schedule an interview. If you are out of state, we can do a phone interview, but we prefer a face-to-face. If you have not heard from us for over a week after turning in your application, you may call and check on your application. If you are incarcerated, it will take longer to get an interview. Much of that will depend on when we can get in the jail. The interview involves a number of questions to help us decide if you are a good fit for the program. The interview will take approximately an hour. Following the interview, we will prayerfully consider whether or not to accept you. This process may take up to 24 hours.

If accepted, we will choose a move in date. We only have intake three times per year. Intake is the week before the program starts. It is important to be here during intake week so you do not miss any part of orientation.

Relationship Process

The Relationship Process is 16 weeks. We start approximately 10 guys at the same time and they go through the 16 weeks together as a group. The Relationship Process is focused on classes, counseling, and developing relationships. One of these relationships is with a mentor. The mentor is someone from the community that comes alongside the resident and models what it looks like to follow Jesus. The mentor is able to take the resident away from Trinity to spend time discipling him one-on-one or with the mentor’s family. This is a key relationship and can be very fruitful.

Other than some community service, the men do not work during the Relationship Process. Their job is to learn as much as possible. We spend about 18 hours per week in the classroom; this does not include the time it takes to complete the assignments along with the reading and studying outside of class time. Since we spend so much time in class, the group grows together and the class becomes a safe and intimate setting. This is where we develop discipleship skills and build relationships that are far stronger than any “using buddies.” One-on-one counseling is provided outside of class time. After

16 weeks and completing all that is required, men will move from the Relationship Process to the Transformation Process.

Transformation Process

The Transformation Process is a time for men to continue their growth, accountability, and discipleship. The Transformation Process is an additional 16 weeks where the men take part in job training. We still do morning classes, but after lunch the men report to their assigned job training location. They work four hours per day, five days a week. Residents will NOT be paid directly any remuneration during the time of their job training. The company you do your job training with will pay to Trinity Life Ministry a portion of your program cost. It is important to learn how to work effectively in an environment that is not solely Christian. This is a great opportunity to build a resume of success. The job training can be used as a reference for future employment. After 16 weeks and completing all that is required, men will move from the Transformation Process to the Multiplication Process.

Multiplication Process

During the Multiplication Process the men will be required to get a full time job of their own. Sometimes residents are offered full time jobs through the companies in which they did their job training, but if not men are expected to go search for and obtain a job on their own. The job **MUST** be a first shift job with hours between 5 am to 5 pm. It is important for the Multiplication Process men to be on the same schedule as the rest of the men in the house. In this portion of the process, men are given privileges that others are not allowed such as a personal vehicle, a cell phone, and money. They will be accountable for what they do with their money and these other privileges. They are required to keep a budget and we help them manage their money. Trinity charges a \$50 per week fee for men in the Multiplication Process; this is part of transitioning back to the responsibilities of life. We want to coach them on how to be responsible adults.

The focus of Multiplication Process is learning how to make disciples, and we want to give them further training beyond what they have already received. These men attend classes in the evening after work and will be responsible for leading a small group bible study or prayer time with the men in Relationship and Transformation Process. It is important that in the Multiplication Process the men be involved in the discipleship of the men in the Relationship and the Transformation portion of the program.

Toward the end of this process we help the men transition out of Trinity. By this time, they will have a church they are closely connected to, solid employment, money in savings, and a plan for housing. Graduation is at the end of the year long program with a Graduation Ceremony and celebration of what God has done during the time at Trinity. After graduating, our hope is that alumni will stay connected and continue to disciple other men going through the program.