

## SPONSORSHIP MODEL IS FOUND IN LUKE

24:13-35:

- ☀ JESUS JOINS MEN WHO ARE ALREADY BELIEVERS
- ☀ FAITH IS "RE-EXPLAINED"
- ☀ GRACE IS "RE-EXPERIENCED"
- ☀ THESE MEN ARE "RE-TURNED" TO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE

## PURPOSEFUL SPONSORING

- ☀ Church Leaders
- ☀ Dependable Church Members
- ☀ Less Active Members
- ☀ Christians Hungry for "something more"
- ☀ Christians who want to grow spiritually
- ☀ Members & leaders representing a cross section of the Church and Society
- ☀ Respected laypersons & clergypersons

## QUESTIONABLE SPONSORSHIP

- ☀ Non-Christians & individuals without an ACTIVE relationship in the local church. Emmaus is a discipleship building event rather than an evangelistic outreach
- ☀ Individuals suffering emotional or psychological trauma. They may need to wait until a later Walk, when they can participate fully.
- ☀ Individuals who decide not to attend after being presented the opportunity
- ☀ Christians whose theology and/or practice is notably different or incompatible
- ☀ Individuals who are always looking for another spiritual high or experience to help them "arrive"

## HOW DO YOU SPONSOR

- ☀ Pray for individual's openness to God's Call
- ☀ Make an appointment to explain logistics
- ☀ Get a commitment and help with application process
- ☀ Gather Agape Letters (No Gifts, please!)
- ☀ Participate in the 72 hour Prayer Vigil
- ☀ Bring Pilgrim to Send-Off and attend Sponsor's Hour afterward
- ☀ Make Pilgrim's bed, lay out their PJ's, open their Bible to Luke 24:13, and lay it on their pillow
- ☀ Attend Candlelight & Closing
- ☀ Work behind-the-scenes during the Weekend
- ☀ Bring your Pilgrim to their 4th Day meeting and encourage their involvement
- ☀ Help your Pilgrim find a Reunion Group
- ☀ Invite your Pilgrim to Gatherings and offer a ride
- ☀ Help your Pilgrim find ways to act out their new commitment

**Applications are available on the Pioneer Country Emmaus Website listed below. Don't hesitate to contact any Board Member if you need help.**

PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS

[www.pioneercountryemmaus.com](http://www.pioneercountryemmaus.com)



**GIVE A GIFT OF LOVE!!!**



# ....THE GIFT OF SPONSORSHIP

**THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF ALL!**

**THE FIRST ACT OF AGAPE BEFORE A WEEKEND BEGINS!**

**TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANOTHER!**

My friend asked if she could sponsor me on The Walk to Emmaus. I didn't realize at the time what a precious gift she was giving me...that I would experience God's unconditional love and amazing grace more than I ever had before. She helped me through the application process and took me to the Church on Thursday evening. When we arrived at the Church, she introduced me to at least a million Pioneer Country

Emmaus Community members and held my hand as I anticipated what would happen the rest of the weekend.



And then she sent me off to the great unknown. It looked to me as if this "sponsoring" thing was easy. How little I knew!!!

While I was in the Conference Room with "my new best friends", my Sponsor was in the Sanctuary praying for me and my new friends by name.

Then she made my bed, laid out my pajamas, opened my Bible to Luke 24:13 and placed it on my pillow. AND SHE PRAYED FOR ME. Only later did I find out that she was scurrying around the building all weekend, invisible and as quiet as a Church Mouse, making sure my surroundings were neat, clean, and well decorated and that I had enough food to eat. Why did I not trust her when she said "Don't bring any snacks; there will be plenty of food"?????

The next time I saw her was on Saturday night when she was in a Choir of Angels singing to me about Jesus and Love. What a special time that was. AND SHE PRAYED FOR ME.

On Sunday afternoon, I was showered with lots of letters and cards from family and friends, some of whom I hadn't heard from in quite some time, all telling me how I had blessed their lives. I was touched. How sneaky my Sponsor had been to find all their names and addresses. It must have taken her weeks.

Then there she was yet again - a Saint among many, marching into the Sanctuary to listen to me and my friends talk about what the weekend meant to us and what we were going to do with what we had learned. The weekend changed my life. It made me realize just how important God is to me, and how much I need Him in my life. I wanted all my friends to have that experience. AND I knew, without a doubt, what I was going to do. I was going to pass on the Gift of Sponsorship. When I did, I again experienced that love and grace our Lord Jesus gives us so freely and unconditionally. It was amazing to be on the outside looking in!

You, too, can give your friends a gift..the Gift of Sponsorship. If you do, I know your friends will be as blessed as I was, and you will be too.

**DE COLORES!!!!!!**

