

What to expect on your visit to Living Stones

You can expect a place of warm hospitality and a meaningful worship experience as you join the men of Living Stones Prison Congregation in the prison Chapel. Through your visit these men experience the gospel of Jesus Christ. Because most visitors have not experienced being in a prison setting, we want to let you know what a typical visit is like to help you prepare for your visit.

1. As you enter the parking lot of the prison, you will see a driveway on your right with a sign directing you to the intercom. Please stop at the intercom and identify yourself and the reason for your visit (i.e. "This is Pr. Jones from St. Peter in Tacoma. Our group is here to worship with the men of Living Stones Prison Congregation.") The guard will direct you to the parking area.
2. The only thing you need to bring into the prison is your photo ID. Cell phones and wallets/purses are not allowed within the prison. They may either be left in your locked car or put into a locker as you enter the building.
3. Enter the doors of the main building (to the right of the totem pole) and turn right. Pr. Norm or a Red Badge volunteer will be there to greet and welcome you. Restrooms are available for your use. This is also a time to ask any last-minute questions before entering the prison.
4. You will be in an area similar to airport security. Small lockers on your right may be used to secure your wallet/purse and cell phone. A guard will be present to help you through the scanning process. Just like going through airport security, you will be asked to remove your shoes and anything else (i.e. belt) that might set off the scanner. You will then walk through the scanner and put your shoes/belt back on.
5. Pr. Norm will take your photo ID and give it to the guard behind a window. They will give you a badge identifying you as a visitor and a computer chip to carry in your pocket. Your photo ID will be returned to you at the end of your visit as you leave the prison.
6. Pr. Norm will escort your group to the Chapel. You will always travel together as a group. You will go through a set of prison gates and hear the "clank" of the door closing behind you.
7. Your group will walk down a hallway and stop at the next guard's desk. This guard double-checks that you are wearing a visitor badge.
8. You will then proceed outside into the courtyard area and walk across to the building where the Chapel is located. Upon entering the Chapel building, you will stop at a desk with another guard and sign your name and time on the log sheet. Restrooms are available for your use, with permission.
9. The group enters the Chapel at the end of the hallway. Pr. Norm will prepare for the service.
10. The men who provide the musical leadership for the service will gather first. As they enter the Chapel area they will greet you and then prepare their music for worship. You are encouraged to reach out your hand in greeting to them as well. It is OK to tell them your name and where you are from, but please don't give them any personal information about yourself. (please read the "Do's and Don'ts" sheet for more details.) Pr. Norm may invite the group to pray together with the musicians before the rest of the men arrive.
11. Greet the men as they arrive for worship. You are encouraged to have your group sit in groups of 2 or 3 with the men.

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12. The men of Living Stones lead the worship service through their music, ushering, Scripture reading, and distribution of communion. Please enter into the worship as you would at your home congregation. These are brothers in Christ who share with you in the gift of God's grace.
13. For communion, we use crackers and grape juice.
14. After worship, there will be a brief time for more conversation with the men before they need to return to their cells. "Movement" is the time the prisoners move from one area of the prison to another. This happens on the hour and half-hour.
15. After the men have left, Pr. Norm will be glad to answer any questions or concerns you may have about your experience.
16. You will now re-trace your steps back to the entrance of the prison (signing out at the guard's desk by the Chapel, walking across the courtyard, checking in with the guard as you re-enter the building, and checking out with the first guard who has your photo ID). You will return your visitor badge and computer chip and receive your photo ID. Again, restrooms are available for your use. Retrieve your belongings from the lockers and return to your parked car.

*Receive the thanks of a grateful community of men
who have seen God's love through your presence!*