



Supporting Second Chances: Best Practices for the Church

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Phil 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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Agenda

- **Prison Fellowship's reentry approach**
- **Equipping the church**
- **Best practices**
- **Q&A**



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At Prison Fellowship, we want every formerly incarcerated person to be accepted as a full member of their community and enjoy a life of flourishing. Our goal is to equip churches to become places of welcome, belonging, and ongoing support—both during the critical early stages of reentry and throughout the long-term process of reintegration.

From reentry to reintegration

Prison Fellowship's Reintegration Approach

Equipping the church and supporting returning citizens

Key areas

- Connection for welcoming churches
- Training for churches
- Connecting churches reentry networks
- One hat model

Best practices for reentry

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Best practices

Key areas

- Approach reentry as walking alongside, not rescuing.
- Invite formerly incarcerated individuals into shared activities, rather than simply “helping” them.
- Provide consistency and stability.
- Set and Respect Boundaries
- Recognize the Limits of Your Perspective
- Expect setbacks; change is rarely a straight line

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