



We are delighted that you are interested in jail ministry. Jail ministry is unique based on the needs in the community and the resources of the church. This guide provides you with basic steps to identify where, with whom and how your Church can best serve in jail ministry.

### Step 1 Know the Basics

- Review the basic terms, biblical foundation and ministry opportunities.

### Step 2 Discover Your Context

- Gather information about the jail and religious programs.
- Set up a meeting with the "Gatekeeper".

### Step 3 Meet with the Gatekeeper

- Guidelines and questions for meeting with the "Gatekeeper".
- Tool: *Jail Ministry Needs Checklist*.

### Step 4 Match Needs with Resources

- List your Church resources and identify the jail ministry areas your Church will address.
- Tool: *Church Resources and Ministry Match*.

### Step 5 Champion the Ministry

- Share the ministry areas with the congregation.
- Recruit others to pray and serve on the ministry team.
- Tools: Communication tools.

### Step 6 Train Ministry Workers

- Participate in the jail's volunteer training.
- Read *Christian Volunteer Jail Handbook*
- Participate in trainings (see Resources)

### Step 7 Serve

- Serve with a humble heart, showing and sharing the love of Christ.