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## The Heart of the *Hope for Addiction* Leader

### Identify the leaders in your church:

Walking with someone who struggles with addiction can be a daunting journey. Specific qualities are helpful to build a strong ministry within your church. Identifying the right people within your church to lead your *Hope for Addiction* ministry will assist in creating an effective outreach to those you are caring for. This person should:

- Believe in the mission and purpose of *Hope for Addiction* as a gospel-centered ministry for addictions, presenting a biblical approach to addiction rather than a cultural one. (See beliefs/values, page 3),
- Be mature in their faith, passionate about the gospel, able to apply gospel truths to everyday life, investing in others.
- Have a willingness to learn, teachable and willing to understand more fully biblical application as it applies to addiction (idolatry, sin).

- Exhibit these qualities:

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching

and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:12-15

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. 1 Thessalonians 5:14

As you consider these qualities, who in your church comes to mind? This is the heart of the person who will excel in leading within *Hope for Addiction*.

## ***Hope for Addiction Belief Statement***

### **We believe/Our values:**

- The power of Christ has given us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).
- In Christ we have a new identity, we are no longer identified by our addiction or our sin (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- Our life is about growing in our knowledge of God, not about pursuing sobriety. Sobriety will be an outcome of obedience to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us (Colossians 1:9-10, Galatians 5:16).
- We believe that the Bible is God's infallible Word and necessary for guidance in all of life, not just sobriety (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- We live in Christian community so we may be built up, encouraged in our faith and grow in our knowledge of God (Colossians 2:7, Hebrews 10:24-25, Galatians 6:1).
- All Christians, even recovering addicts, need to be meaningfully involved in a local church (Ephesians 4).
- The good news of the gospel is not only that we can be saved by Christ, but that we are being renewed into the image of Christ, making the gospel central for all of life.
- We believe in one God, eternally existing in three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe God created human beings, male and female, in his own image. Men and women are made equally in God's image and both have equal access to God by faith in Christ Jesus. God ordains distinctive roles that reflect the loving relationship between Christ and the church.