



Foundation Principles

God is present
Caring not curing
Nonjudgmental presence
Active listening

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How Does BeFriender Ministry Make a Difference?

Here's One Story

By Mari Taffe

“My experience of being in BeFriender Ministry has been profoundly life-affirming. When I first became part of the BeFriender Ministry at The Basilica in 2007, I had no idea it would become one of the most important small communities in my life.

It is an honor to accompany a person on their journey, whether it is for one day, several months, or several years. I am changed because of being in the BeFriender Ministry. I have become a more intentional listener, more compassionate, more aware of the grace operating in our lives.

I have seen the grace that is God's life, vitality, and love flowing through this ministry - BeFrienders and those they listen with go away changed. God is present as we give of ourselves in hospitality and relationship, hold hope for each other, and open ourselves to really hear one another.

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