



OUTREACH RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

PARTICIPATION. In order to be part of Love San Francisco outreaches we ask that all team members participate in all aspects of the outreach unless you have a special release from the outreach leader. This includes outreach briefings, worship, as well as debriefings.

REPORT TIMES. Make every effort to be at the outreach at the appropriate start time and also to make sure you are back to the mission base at the report back time the outreach leader has designated for the outreach debriefing.

AREA OF OPERATION. Stay within the outreach area designated by the outreach leader during the briefing. We have specific spiritual authority where the Lord has sent us. If you sense the Lord leading you to go to an area outside of the area designated for the outreach please make sure you get a confirmation from a staff evangelist or the outreach leader before leaving the outreach area.

TEAM CONFIGURATION. Unless otherwise directed by the Lord we will go out in teams of two. This maximizes the number of interactions we can have and increases the ability to connect with everyone on God's heart during an outreach. Large groups are typically less effective and overwhelming to pre-believers. We want to partner more seasoned messengers with less experienced ones.

DISCIPLESHIP ON MISSION. More seasoned messengers should demonstrate and allow their partner to observe, then allow their outreach partner to try. Debrief after each encounter to encourage growth in evangelism. Then allow them to eventually lead when they are confident enough. In this way we are continually equipping and raising up messengers to lead teams.

ENCOUNTER PROTOCOL. Whoever begins a conversation with a pre-believer during an outreach is the encounter leader. If you believe the Lord has given you something to say then put your hand on the shoulder of the encounter leader so that they know you have something to share and then they can invite you into the conversation in an orderly way. Don't just burst out with what you have to say as this can be highly disruptive to the flow of what the Holy Spirit is doing.

TACTICAL PRAYER COVER. If someone else is leading an encounter then engage in prayer for the pre-believer that they are interacting with. In that way you are spiritually partnering with God and the messenger that is the encounter leader. If you see other teams of messengers engaging pre-believers near you then provide prayer support for them as the Holy Spirit leads you.

DEMONIC DISTRACTIONS. Often times when fruitful ministry is going on the enemy will send anyone nearby who is available to disrupt or distract from the primary ministry. If you are not the encounter leader then take the opportunity to engage the distraction and bring them away from where the primary ministry is taking place. Often times "effective ministry" at that point is just removing the demonic distraction or assignment from the area or engaging them so that they don't disrupt the primary ministry.

LOVE and TRUTH. On the outreach you represent Jesus Christ. We expect that you will act appropriately (based on the Word of God) as a representative of the Lord and this work. We are presenting the gospel in a spirit of love and humility. Be winsome and try to find common ground to begin spiritual conversations about Jesus. We are not arguing with people. If people want to enter into contentious conversations then graciously break fellowship and bless them. We are also sharing the truth of the gospel. Do not be afraid to speak truth in love. Don't shrink back from telling people that God requires everyone, everywhere to turn their hearts to Him and believe the gospel.

MINISTERING WITH AND TO THE OPPOSITE SEX. Generally speaking we will put women with women and men with men as we build outreach teams. The exception is when we have a husband and wife team. We also generally encourage women to minister to women and men to minister to men. There are times where Holy Spirit will release grace for mixed gender teams and for cross gender ministry.

EVANGELISM MATERIALS. Please only use evangelism materials that have been provided by Love San Francisco. If you wish to use your own evangelism materials while witnessing please get them approved first by the outreach leader. Generally this approval will take at least a week to give them time to review the materials before approving them. Please turn in all extra evangelism materials after the outreach. If you would like additional evangelism materials for personal use then you may purchase them by contacting the info desk.

AUTHORITY. We ask that all outreach team members obey any instructions from the outreach leader, a staff evangelist or team leader that is consistent with Scripture during outreaches. We are spiritually responsible for you while you are participating in a Love San Francisco outreach and appreciate your honoring those that have been placed in authority over these outreaches.

TEXTING AND PHONE CALLS DURING OUTREACH. Our primary assignment during outreaches is to engage pre-believers with the gospel message. This is difficult to do if you are receiving and responding to phone calls and text messages. Please turn your phones off or put them on vibrate so that they will not interrupt witnessing and our focus on mission during this time.

RESOLVING ISSUES. If you believe that another member of the outreach team has acted inappropriately before, during or after an outreach please report your concern to your team leader or evangelist. If you believe that a team leader or evangelist has acted inappropriately before, during or after an outreach please report your concern to the outreach leader. If you feel an outreach leader has acted inappropriately then please bring your concern first to the outreach leader. If you are unable to resolve your concern after discussing it with the outreach leader then you may call Adam Hood at 415.637.9918 and leave a detailed message.

CLOTHING. We ask that no one wear political clothing during Love San Francisco. We want to have real conversations with people and build authentic relationship (not have antagonistic, one-way conversations with our clothing). We don't want these outreaches to be associated with any specific political cause in order to remove any potential stumbling blocks to the gospel.

MESSENGER BAG. Please bring a messenger bag to carry evangelism materials, writing supplies, encounter reports, Bibles and other materials you may need while witnessing.

WORSHIP. We have people participating in Love San Francisco from many different streams of the Christian faith. In order to provide for freedom but to honor one another we ask that you abide by the prayer room guidelines for worship expression at the firebase.

SOCIAL MEDIA. You are free to post pictures you take at the firebase and as part of outreaches to social media and we encourage to you hashtag your posts #LoveSF247. As a result of the sensitive nature of outreach to rainbow people, however we are asking that you do not post any photos of outreach to them or plans related to these outreaches.

AFFIRMATIONS

I hereby affirm that I have read and agree to abide by the rule of engagement set forth here as part of my involvement in San Francisco.

I also affirm that I have fully surrendered my life to Jesus Christ and believe that the Word of God is the supreme authority for the governing of the life of followers of Jesus.

I also affirm that I am part of a local church body and am submitted to the leadership of that local church. I am participating in Love San Francisco for the express purpose of obeying God in walking out the Great Commandments (to love God and love people) and the Great Commission (to preach the gospel and make disciples).

I give permission to Love San Francisco to use my image (whether take in photos or video) and statements (verbal or written) for the purpose of mobilizing the church to first love intimacy and mission.

I realize that sharing the gospel is inherently dangerous and I assume all risk and hold harmless Love San Francisco and all affiliated ministries from any and all claims that might arise as part of my participation in Love San Francisco.

X_____Date_____

Printed Name _____