



Irresistible Church Training

For Disability Ministry

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Disability Awareness Training Event

Hosting a Disability Awareness Training Event can be a great way to educate your church or local community on disabilities and how to better support the disability community. Below is a suggested timeline and recommended topics to help you as you plan your own Disability Awareness Training Event.

Schedule of a 1-Hour Training Event

Welcome – 3 minutes

Prevalence of Disabilities – 5 minutes

Share current statistics on disabilities in the US (Disability statistics compiled by Cornell University: www.disabilitystatistics.org/)

Personal Testimony – 10 minutes

Invite an individual affected by disability or a volunteer who serves in disability ministry to share their own experience with disability and the church.

Philosophy of Ministry – 10 minutes

Why is it important for the church to engage in disability ministry?

Many families affected by disability do not attend church because it is too difficult or they do not feel welcomed there.

Biblical examples of suffering: Job, Joseph, Jesus.

Emphasize that all people are equal and valuable in God's eyes (Luke 14, 1 Corinthians 12, and Galatians 3:23-29).

What can we do? – 20 minutes

Awareness and disability etiquette (download the handout Disability Etiquette at www.irresistiblechurch.org/library from the resources for *Start with Hello*.)

What is your church doing to embrace families affected by disability and how can people help?

Q&A – 10 minutes

Closing – 2 minutes

Additional Help

For additional help planning a disability awareness training event for your church or local community, please email churchengagement@joniandfriends.org.