

Welcome to The Landing! Coming January 16, 2023

The Landing is a South Park Church ministry designed to help students in grades 8–12 (13-17yr old) find a path to freedom, healing and wholeness as they journey with other students to pursue a relationship with God. This exciting teen support ministry meets each Monday night at South Park Church 7:00–9:00 pm.

The Landing creates a Christ-centered environment where students can learn to make wise choices and develop healthy patterns for living. It's a safe haven to help overcome life-controlling hurts, hang-ups and habits by providing insights on following God's path to greater freedom in life.

The ministry uses interactive and age-appropriate versions of the Celebrate Recovery lessons being explored in the corresponding adult meeting on Monday nights, giving families the opportunity to discuss what they're learning as they grow closer to God together.

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Our staff and volunteer team are excited about this program! We're confident that students who stay with The Landing and actively participate will find a path toward healing. They'll also develop important skill-sets that will benefit them throughout their lives. With these skills, they'll be able to deal effectively with future hurts, habits and hang-ups as they rely on a relationship with Jesus.

If you have any questions about The Landing for your child or Celebrate Recovery, we would love the opportunity to speak with you.

With Servants' Hearts,

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OUR TYPICAL NIGHT @ THE LANDING WILL CONSIST OF:

Connect Time – 7:00 pm -7:15/20

This time serves to create connections between our students and leaders and builds friendships and connections. This normally involves some sort of game or activity.

Worship – Prayers & praise, Songs -7:20-7:30/35

Oftentimes our lives are filled with distractions and obligations that keep us from slowing down and focusing on what God is doing. A time of worship gives us all an opportunity to connect with and rest in God.

Teaching Time & serenity prayer 7:35-8:15

Our Landing leaders will present biblical truths and recovery principles to us in a way that we can engage with, participate in, and apply to our lives.

Small Group/journals open share 8:15-8:45

Small Group Time – Girls and boys are separated by age and gender into discussion groups. Every group will have an adult leader present to help facilitate the group. The Landing uses the same five Small Group Guidelines that adult CR uses in Open Share groups and walks through a series of questions that pertain to that night's teaching time. Small Group gives the students a time to process and personalize the recovery principles they are learning.

Fellowship Time café – 8:45-9pm

This time serves as a place for students and leaders to connect, build relationships, and continue processing the lesson after the service.

GENERAL POLICIES AND HELPFUL INFORMATION:

Privacy: What's shared in the group stays in the group. Parents will not be notified of what a student shares unless a student reports he or she has been or will be harmed.

Leaders: All leaders will work in same-gender groups and will have had background checks and interviews prior to being allowed to work in The Landing. While we encourage leaders to make themselves available to students outside The Landing meetings, it is not required. Please feel free to contact South Park Church at (847) 825-5507, should your teenager need to speak to a leader or if they need additional support outside of The Landing's normal meeting times.

Adult Visitors: Because we place a high value on the safety of students, adults who are not part of The Landing leadership team are not allowed into The Landing. To keep this a safe place for students to share, this policy includes parents who are not approved volunteers. An exception exists for one-time guest speakers who will clearly wear a visitor's badge.

Attendance: While we encourage students to attend each week, we realize students may have other responsibilities that require them to miss from time to time. Every week a student doesn't attend, he or she will miss out on an important element of dealing with life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. Please encourage your son or daughter to be as consistent as possible in attending The Landing.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY AND THE LANDING:

The Landing is part of the Celebrate Recovery collection of programs designed with the entire family in mind. In an attempt to assist his own family, Pastor John Baker started developing the ministry in 1991 at Saddleback Church. As a result, this program has now touched millions of lives around the world. The Landing is built on the same principles as Celebrate Recovery. As we stated above, it uses age-appropriate versions of the lessons used in the CR meetings. The yearly calendars even mirror one another so entire families can discuss what they're learning if the parents choose to attend Celebrate Recovery.

On average, more than 65% of those attending Celebrate Recovery programs are seeking freedom from something other than chemical addiction. The Landing for students (13yrs-17yrs) and Celebrate Recovery for adults work together to help individuals overcome any kind of hurt, habit or hang-up as we journey together in pursuing a relationship with God. From anger to food issues, chemical addiction to peer pressure and codependency, CR and The Landing create a safe place to learn how to live in a fallen world, heal broken relationships and live healthy lives.

For more information on Celebrate Recovery visit: <https://www.southparkchurch.org/celebrate-recovery>

Success Stats since Celebrate Recovery began at Saddleback in 1991:

1. Over 17,000 people at Saddleback Church have completed the program and have found victory from their hurts, hang-ups and habits through Christ's power.
2. Celebrate Recovery is now in more than 29,000 churches around the world and millions of people have found healing.
3. Celebrate Recovery is also used in prisons and recovery houses throughout the country with great success. Inmates who are released after going through the Celebrate Recovery Inside program have a much lower recidivism rate than those who have.
4. South Park Church Celebrate Recovery is honored to facilitate meetings at South Park Church. We're happy to bring the strength of Celebrate Recovery into the lives of students through The Landing at South Park Church. It's our hope as we provide this program for students that their lives will be forever changed and redirected towards Jesus Christ.

Life Hurts. God Heals. Discover How.

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Visit our websites at:

<https://www.southparkchurch.org/the-landing>

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