

## Importance of Attending Team Meetings for Men Who Serve on Kairos Outside Teams

When we agree to volunteer for a Kairos Outside Weekend as a team member, by filling out and submitting the team application, we agree we will follow the program as presented in the most current manual – with no additions or deletions. Additionally, the team application says that they will make every effort to attend all team meetings, and it goes on to say that team members understand if they miss team meetings they can be dismissed from the team.

Team meetings not only teach us how to run the Kairos Outside Weekend, but they bring us together to be the unified Body of Christ who will minister to the Guests on the Weekend.

The men of the Kairos Outside Kitchen Team should be involved in all aspects of all team meetings and should be actively participating in the activities of the meeting – not just sitting in the corner or dealing with food. They should be included in the talk preview process, unless the woman giving the talk objects, they should be included in the spiritual exercises, the foundations presentation, and the break-out sessions. They should have their own break-out session when the other groups are meeting.

Including the men in your team meeting promotes bonding, and ensures they are truly part of your team.

Page 114 of the Program Manual, under training hints, states the entire Kitchen Staff is part of the team and committed to attending all Kairos Outside team meetings prior to the Weekend.

Page 117 of the Program Manual within the team formation section states – they must be committed to attending “ALL” team formation meetings before the Weekend.

Page 119 of the Program Manual states: The Kitchen Team serves a significant role and is critical to the presentation of the Kairos Outside Weekend. They not only attend to the physical needs of the group but also the spiritual. The Guests will observe healthy and happy group dynamics within the team all Weekend. The men who offer their time and skills to a Kairos Outside Weekend play a unique, silent and servant-hearted role. They are a rare example to many of our Guests and team members of how men should conduct themselves. (Godly men)

Suggestions for what the men can do on the Weekend if their role in the kitchen is limited.....

- Set up and clean up the dining room, including setting the tables for the meals
- Serve the Guests and the team either at the tables with plates or if there is a buffet line they can meet the Guests and team at the end of the buffet line and carry trays to tables
- Serve drinks at meals
- Set up morning drink stations – coffee/juice or prepare the trays for delivery by other team members to the Guests
- Work in the Agape room – sort agape, tape shields, hang shield in areas of the facility outside the community room, place agape on the tables in the dining room if used, set up luminaries for Walking in Love, distribute song sheets for Walking in Love, separate flowers for Flowers at Dawn – make the bouquets if using bouquets, take inventory for next Weekend, pack trunks, and load them
- Re-set rooms – community room when Guests are not present, chapel, and room utilized for Closing
- Pray for speakers, work with Spiritual Directors to set-up and re-set Chapel
- Build the Wall (working with Agape and Spiritual Directors to do this)
- Run errands – take picture for development

(See pages 115-123 of the program manual outlines the Kitchen Team's duties)