



Erēmos Program Requirements

Maturity

People applying for the Erēmos Program with Mid-Valley Fellowship must be committed to growing spiritually. Although we recognize that no one is perfect and that each of us have areas of immaturity in our lives, the Erēmos Program is where these areas will be challenged, refined, and changed. Because of this, the most important attributes that a person entering the program must be committed to developing are humility and teach-ability.

Statement of Faith

Each applicant must have a solid understanding of his/her salvation from sin by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, a belief in the authority of the Bible for training in godliness, and a belief that homosexuality/sexual addiction are sins among many from which the power of the Gospel offers freedom. The participant must agree to our doctrinal statement.

Moral Standards

Applicants are expected to live within moral guidelines clearly spelled out in scripture: no sexual misconduct, no drunkenness or illegal drug use, no gossip or slander. The participant should also find or maintain the support of a local church body for his/her own spiritual growth and encouragement.

Attendance and Classes

The time commitment will be approximately 15-20 hours a week, with the potential for additional projects as desired. Generally, this would include: Support Program Involvement (5-6 hours), Erēmos Program Teaching (4-5 hours), Mentoring (1-2 hours), Independent Study & Other Projects (5-7 hours). Participants are also expected to attend the annual Support Program Retreat in March, Board/Staff Retreat in November, and other ministry events throughout the year (schedule to be determined).

Personal Growth

We are accepting applicants who have experienced first-hand God's work in their lives or the lives of others. This program is not designed for those just beginning a journey of personal healing; rather it is a continuation of the work already begun. Having involvement as a participant in a support group (in the area of sexual brokenness or other life issue) and/or personal therapy is important for consideration of acceptance into the program. We also will be looking for evidence of growth from references.

Commitment

Those wanting to be a part of the Erēmos Program must commit to participation for the full 9 month duration of the program. In joining the program, you are not only committing to your own healing journey but are also committing to a community of others who are doing the same. Each person's presence in the program has an impact on the others in the community.

Cost

The cost of the program is \$300 per month, which includes weekly classes, weekly individual mentoring sessions, in-office time for work, and all materials for the program. Participants may raise support to cover the cost and Mid-Valley Fellowship can support them in this process. Monthly payments are due the first of each month. Many people combine personal financial resources with support raised by church, friends, and family. If you have questions about how this is handled, please contact us.

Application Process

An application is required for the program, followed by an interview with the Executive Director and other staff. **Applications for the 2017-18 Erēmos Program are due by May 31, 2017.**