# Influencers Global Ministries

A QuickStart Guide to launching a Journey Group for those who are incarcerated.

1. Pray and consult wise counsel.
2. Find a Connection to the Chaplain
	1. Your network.
	2. Churches or Ministries.
	3. Jail Administration.
	4. Department of Corrections (DOC).

Community Resources or Volunteer Department.

1. Meet the Chaplain
	1. Introduce yourself, Influencers, and The Journey (use a Journey Brochure).
	2. Provide ‘The Journey to the Inner Chamber’ book.
	3. Schedule a follow-up.
	4. Build rapport and establish a relationship.
2. Identify Co-Guide(s)
	1. Co-guides are often required when facility staff are not present to observe.
3. Become an Approved Volunteer
	1. The application process will include a background check and orientation.
	2. Ongoing training will discuss the facilities' rules for safety and security.
		* + - ALL Rules MUST be followed.
4. Plan the Details
	1. Days and Times
		1. The institution will have set days and times available for meetings.
		2. Disruptions to the schedule you establish are inevitable; flexibility is key
			* + Meetings are subject to cancellation without notice.
	2. Group Members
		* + - Recruit participants using Journey Brochures, your own flyers, etc.
				- Set a cut-off date for admitting new members.
	3. Location
		1. Regular Meetings AND Extended Session needs

Consider the size of your group

Space to spread out for private activities such as prayer

* + - * + Chairs, tables, marker board, or etc.
				+ Food

Brought by participants

Purchased internally

Brought in from the outside

* 1. ALL ITEMS being brought in MUST be approved IN ADVANCE.
		+ - * This process may involve multiple approvers and can take weeks.
1. Providing Materials
	1. Influencers Global Ministries will provide a Journey Pack (with all required books) for each participant free of charge
		1. If your institution does not allow spiral bindings or hard cover books, please request Soft Cover Materials.
		2. Journals are NOT included.
	2. Please consider purchasing the Journey Packs and Journals for your group
		1. Fund Raising Ideas include asking:
			* + Regional Directors
				+ Journey Groups or Individual Graduates
				+ Churches or Ministries.
		2. To keep donors engaged consider:
			* + Asking group members for permission to share their ‘Letters to God’, journal entries, or other testimonies
				+ Having group members write a Thank You Card / Note
				+ Getting permission for Donors to visit the Group, such as during Commencement.
2. Start Small, Win Big
	1. If you (or the chaplain) are reluctant to launch a nine-month program
		1. A quick way to get started is to Guide a six-week group
			* + Use ‘The Journey to the Inner Chamber’ which has a ‘Study Guide for Small Groups’, OR another popular option is
				+ ‘An Orphan No More’
		2. This can give you a quick win and is a proven way to recruit solid group member for The Journey.
3. Additional Resources
	1. <https://influencers.org/>