



# Stephen Ministry *in Action*

*Comments shared by people who have received care from a Stephen Minister*

The care and support I received from my Stephen Minister was every bit as important to my recovery as the excellent medical care I received from the doctors and nurses. This is truly a life-giving ministry.

*Tom*

I've heard the phrase "the peace of God that passes all understanding" many times in church. My Stephen Minister has helped me experience that peace in a very real, very heartfelt way.

*Anne*

I'm so glad I accepted my pastor's offer to match me with a Stephen Minister. I was reluctant at first, but my pastor was right: Having someone I could regularly meet with and talk to really did make a difference.

*Tony*

Within five minutes of meeting my Stephen Minister, I knew she was right for me. She listens and cares—never judging or criticizing me. She has shown me God's unconditional love, something I had never fully experienced before.

*Sarah*

When you first hear the word *cancer*, you wonder if you're going to die. My Stephen Minister couldn't fix or change that. But she let me share my fears, anxieties, and concerns with her. I knew I could always count on her—I wasn't alone.

*Maria*

Life is so chaotic right now that I don't know much for certain. But I do know that my Stephen Minister is there for me and praying for me. And I've also come to realize that (even though I don't always feel it) God is there too and really is at work in my life.

*Earl*

My Stephen Minister listens—really listens. I never realized how helpful and healing such a simple act can be.

*Michelle*

My Stephen Minister was there during the darkest of times—patiently listening and trying to understand my pain. Looking back, I can clearly see how my Stephen Minister kept me connected to God when I was falling away.

*Nathan*