
THE OVERTON STORY

In 2006, Larry and Hannah Overton fell in love with a little boy at their church. His name was Andrew. Andrew was a foster child that the Overton's felt a great desire to provide a home for and to "become his forever family." He would be their sixth child, an addition to their five biological children. A few short months later, tragedy struck, and their world was turned upside down. Andrew went home to be with Jesus when he passed away from a rare medical condition called hypernatremia. This condition caused very high, fatal levels of sodium in his body. This sorrowful tragedy was compounded when Larry and Hannah were accused and charged in Andrew's death.

On September 7, 2007 Hannah was convicted of capital murder and sent to a maximum security prison for life without the possibility of parole for a crime she didn't commit. This would leave Larry at home to care for their other 5 children. During Hannah's time in prison, God not only held her and her family in His hands, but also used this trial in mighty ways. After seven years of imprisonment, Hannah was exonerated and on April 8th, 2015 all charges were dropped. On May 10, 2017 Hannah's Actual Innocence was officially declared. During this span, many have come to the Lord and this ministry is continually growing.



HOW SYNDEO DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL (SDS) BEGAN

While Hannah was still inside, God started a ministry with Bible Studies, and at that time He also gave Hannah the vision to continue the ministry when she would eventually be released, even though she had life without parole. He began to show her His heart for the women she was surrounded by that they would have a safe place to go home to. Syndeo Ministries hope for SDS is to follow God's direction, His heart of love, and fulfill the vision He began while Hannah was still behind bars.

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SYNDEO DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL



Syndeo Ministries is a non-profit organization focused on helping women who are incarcerated and transitioning out of prison. Too often women who are convicted of crimes are forgotten by everyone, including their own family. We are compelled to remember and show them Christ's love. Without a support system these women often feel hopeless. Our goal is to change that perception so they can flourish! We feel called to achieve this goal by; "Remembering those in prison as if we were bound to them." (Hebrews 13:3) The term Syndeo is a greek word meaning bound with them. This word has two meanings:

1. bound as one prisoner is to another
2. bound, connected in heart, as all should be!





SYNDEO DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL

Syndeo Discipleship School is located on Syndeo Ranch in the piney woods of East Texas about an hour from Tyler, TX. We are a Christian organization with the desire to “Remember those in prison as if we were bound with them” (Hebrews 13:3), and are dedicated to aftercare, training and discipleship.

If you have a relationship with Jesus and a desire for that relationship to grow, Syndeo Discipleship School (SDS) may be the place for you. Our desire is that you would find a home, a place of safety, and a family you can connect to and become a part of.

Our discipleship program is one year in length, with an evaluation after 3 months. The program is filled with power-packed courses consisting of Bible Study, counseling, classroom instruction, practical applications, and ministry involvement.

Your day will include devotion, worship and classes. Everyone will also be expected to serve together in the daily activities of the ministry. To be accepted in the school, you must have a genuine relationship with God with evidence of that change in your life. As a student in SDS, you will have the opportunity to walk through transition to freedom while leaning on your precious Savior.

“Remembering Those in Prison”

Hebrews 13:3 Remember those in prison, as if you were (Syndeo) bound with them; ...



What Do I Do to Get Started?

We believe that God has a good plan for your life! “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11) Our goal is to help you find that purpose.

After reading the information in this brochure and spending time in prayer, if you believe Syndeo Discipleship School is the place for you, the next step is to write a letter explaining why you would like to be considered, and request an application.

Please wait until you are within one year of your parole date. Please remember, this is not a halfway house or simply a place to go, but it is a place to grow. We are excited to see all that God is going to do in your life while you are here.

Tuition

The cost of tuition is \$1,200 per year. These funds can be covered by family members or friends, and are not required up front.

Part-time work may be considered after the initial 3 months is completed. Scholarships may also be available.

SDS will provide room and board, and local transportation.

Family

When you begin SDS, you will become part of the Syndeo family. We encourage the family atmosphere, and as such, also encourage each person to work alongside one another and build each other up.

Visits with family and guests are also encouraged and considered a blessing, but will require approval since the time at SDS is set aside for spiritual growth with each day structured to best achieve that goal.

What Happens Next?

If you complete this program, and would like to continue on with Syndeo Ministries, you can then apply for the next phase, which may include college courses, discipleship, mentoring, missions, entrepreneurial programs, and prison ministry.