

# Houston Pilgrimage

...Recharge your faith ...



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What is Pilgrimage  
and  
Why should I attend?

### **1. What is Pilgrimage?**

A Pilgrimage weekend is a three-day spiritual experience that helps individual Christians better understand God's love and respond to Jesus' invitation to joyously live out their faith at home, in their local congregation and in the world.

### **2. How long does a Pilgrimage weekend last?**

It runs from dinner on Thursday night through Sunday afternoon.

### **3. What happens at a Pilgrimage weekend?**

Worship, teaching, good food, singing, fun, spiritual reflection, small group discussions, pleasant surprises, building Christian community... you get the idea. You won't be given a schedule of events in advance because the weekend is best enjoyed as it unfolds for you.

### **4. Who should attend a Pilgrimage?**

Pilgrimage is for adults (18+) from any Christian denomination who desire a closer relationship with Christ.

### **5. Who provides the spiritual leadership for the weekend?**

Jesus is the true spiritual leader for the weekend, working through ordained pastors and knowledgeable lay people. During the weekend there will be 15 short "talks" based on Reformed theology that touch on topics such as grace, study, community and action.

### **6. Will I feel awkward or uncomfortable?**

It's natural to feel a bit strange at first because you'll be there with adults from all over the Houston area and beyond. But by the end of the weekend you'll have made a whole new group of friends, some of whom you'll likely want to stay connected with on an ongoing basis. We won't require you to do or say anything that will make you ill at ease but Christ himself may challenge you to take a step or two outside your normal comfort zone. Participants often describe Pilgrimage as a weekend of feeling served, supported, forgiven and deeply loved.

### **7. Will music be part of the weekend?**

Yes, there will be a good mix of traditional and contemporary music.

### **8. Will I be expected to "do" anything after I participate in a Pilgrimage weekend?**

No but, honestly, most Pilgrims do. Many go back to their local congregation with a renewed spirit for Christian work. Many use what they learned at Pilgrimage to help friends and coworkers who may be struggling. Many decide they want to go back to a future Pilgrimage weekend as a member of the staff. And a number choose to become members of small "renewal groups" for ongoing support and fellowship in their Christian walks.

### **9. What are other people saying about Pilgrimage?**

*"It's so unfathomable that one weekend can make such an impact and answer so many questions I never knew I had."*

*"I still smile now whenever I think about it, thanking God that I went!"*

*"I could see with my eyes, hear with my ears, and feel with my heart as if God was unfolding his teaching to me through these people whom I got to meet and know during the three days."*

*"After being immersed in God's love those three and a half days, all of a sudden God became so crystal clear to me."*

*"As a pastor I loved encouraging members of the church to attend because I knew it was a safe place for them to express their faith and grow in their relationship with the Lord."*

### **10. How much does it cost to attend a Pilgrimage weekend?**

\$50, and that includes your meals, lodging and all materials.

### **11. Sounds good. How do I sign up?**

You can get more information and register online for an upcoming Pilgrimage weekend at <http://houstonpilgrimage.org/> and clicking on your desired date under "Upcoming Pilgrimages."