



## Biblical Counseling Personal Inventory

It is our goal to help you toward Christ-likeness during this time in your life. Once these forms are complete, we will contact you.

Name:		Date:
Home Phone #:	Cell Phone #:	
E-Mail:		

### Consent to Biblical Counseling & Authorization to Request/Release Information

#### Our Mission

The purpose of biblical counseling is to help you meet the challenges of life in a way that will please and honor the Lord Jesus Christ and allow you to fully enjoy His love for you and plan for your life. Our hope and prayer is that your life would be transformed by the truth of God's Word and the power of His Spirit. Our desire is for the biblical counseling you receive to be Christ centered (Col 1:15-20), biblically based with truth and grace (John 1:14), Spirit led (John 6:63), prayer saturated (Col 4:2), and community oriented (Heb 10:24-25).

#### Biblical Basis

We believe that God, through His revelation in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, provides thorough guidance and instruction for a life that is pleasing to Him (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3-4). Therefore, our counseling is based solely on Scriptural principles, rather than those of secular psychology or psychiatry. Although some of the counseling staff of Harvest may be trained or licensed in other fields, they will not practice in that capacity at Harvest, but only as biblical counselors under the authority of the Elders of Harvest.

#### Not Professional Advice

If you have significant legal, financial, medical, or other technical questions, you should seek advice from an independent professional. Our counseling staff will be happy to cooperate with such advisors and help you to consider their counsel in the light of relevant biblical principles. As we do not practice as licensed professionals, we do not make diagnoses. There is no charge for the biblical counseling at Harvest.

#### Resolution of Conflicts

On rare occasions, a conflict may develop between a biblical counselor and the party receiving care. In order to make sure that any such conflicts are resolved in a biblical manner, we require all who receive care from Harvest counseling ministry to agree that any dispute arising with a biblical counselor or member of Harvest staff be settled by mediation under the leadership of Harvest. We will make every effort to resolve any and all conflicts in a manner consistent with with the Word of God and honoring to the Lord.

#### Communication and Community

At Harvest we desire to grow in caring for those in our flock who are hurting. It is imperative to our mission and your long-term care that we stay in consistent and regular communication with the leadership of Harvest (small group & pastoral staff) and/or your advocate. This form gives us permission to discuss the necessary information in regard to your situation with the appropriate and concerned parties in accordance with the confidentiality guidelines explained below. Please read the following information carefully.

## Confidentiality

Confidentiality is an important aspect of the biblical counseling process, and we will carefully guard the information you entrust to us. There are situations, however, when it may be necessary for us to share certain information with others beside your advocate or small group leader:

1. When there is a clear indication that a counselee may harm him/herself or someone else.
2. When there is evidence or reasonable suspicion of abuse against a minor child, elderly person, or dependent adult.
3. If we are subpoenaed or court ordered to disclose information.
4. In discussions with the pastoral staff or elders of Harvest, previous counselor(s) and/or your advocate *for the sole purpose* of gaining information for the counselee's care.
5. When a biblical counselor is uncertain of how to address a particular problem and needs advice and wisdom from another Harvest staff member, or elder.
6. When a person persistently refuses to renounce a sinful behavior that is in clear violation of biblical principles and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of others in the church to encourage repentance and reconciliation (see Pro. 15:22; 24:11, Mat. 18:15-20).

**In all of these situations, we will make every effort to be sensitive to your situation. Please be assured that our biblical counselor strongly prefer not to disclose any of this personal information to others. We will strive to help you resolve the difficult situations you are experiencing as discretely as possible.**

As part of our mission to train and equip others for biblical counseling, we may have apprentices participate in counseling with us. Having clarified the principles and policies of our biblical counseling ministry, we welcome the opportunity to minister to you in the name of Christ. We desire to be used by God as He helps you to grow in spiritual maturity and prepares you for usefulness in His body. If these guidelines are acceptable to you, please sign below.

I have read and understood the section above entitled "Consent to Biblical Counseling & Authorization to Request/Release Information."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Availability to meet for counseling:

Please provide days and times that you are available for counseling:

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Please provide a list of people who would be willing to walk alongside you during this process as an advocate.

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