

# Harvest Windsor **Biblical Soul Care** Required Form

It is both our privilege and goal to disciple you toward Christ-likeness during this time in your life. Once these forms are complete, we will contact you as soon as possible.

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

Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONSENT TO COUNSEL & AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST/RELEASE INFORMATION**

**Our Goal** - Our goal in providing Christ centered 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 enjoy fully His love for you and His plans for your life.

**Biblical Basis** - We believe that the Bible provides thorough guidance and instruction for faith and life; therefore, our counseling is based on Scriptural principles rather than those of secular psychology or psychiatry. All our Biblical counselors minister under the authority of the Elders of Harvest Bible Church.

**Not Professional Advice** - If you have significant legal, financial, medical or other technical questions, you should seek advice from an independent professional. None of the Harvest Bible Church counselors are licensed professionals. Our ministry staff and lay counselors will be happy to cooperate with such advisors and help you to consider their counsel in the light of relevant scriptural principles.

**Confidentiality** - Confidentiality is an important aspect of the counseling process, and we will carefully guard the information you entrust to us. There are five situations however when it may be necessary for us to share certain information with others:

- In discussions with a physician, previous counselor, Harvest Bible Church counselors and/or your advocate, for the sole purpose of gaining information for your care, or to help in follow up and after care.

- When a counselor is uncertain of how to address a particular problem and needs to seek advice and wisdom from another Harvest Bible Church staff member or elder, we will make every effort to be sensitive to your situation.
- When there is a clear indication that someone may be harmed unless others intervene.
- When a person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of others in the church to encourage repentance and reconciliation. (see Proverbs 15:22, 24:11, Matthew 18:15-20)
- When required to report a crime, as mandated by Ontario Law.

Please be assured that our counselors strongly prefer not to disclose personal information to others, and we will help you find ways to resolve a problem as privately as possible. As part of our mission to train and equip others for discipleship/biblical counsel, we may sometimes have a counselor-in-training observe your case.

Resolution of Conflicts - On rare occasions, a conflict may develop between a counselor and a counselee. In order to make sure that any such conflicts are resolved in a biblical manner, we require all of our counselees to agree that any dispute that arises with a counselor or with Harvest Bible Church staff as a result of counseling, will be settled by mediation under the leadership of HBC. We will make every effort to resolve conflict in a manner according to the principles of Scripture.

Reservation of Rights – Harvest Bible Church reserves the right to determine who will receive discipleship and who will be referred to other counseling outside of Harvest Bible Church. It is your responsibility to take the appropriate actions necessary to arrange for counseling and any payment with the outside counseling entity.

Having clarified the principles and policies of our 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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Counselee): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Parent/ Gardian): \_\_\_\_\_