

Counseling Agreement Policy

It is our joy at Grace Church to provide ministry to those in need of counseling. We believe that Christian counseling can be a timely and important aid to your spiritual growth so it is our aim to conduct our meetings and to steward your personal information in a way that honors God and provides the most hope and help to you. It is vital to our usefulness to you that you make the following acknowledgments and agreements and give the following consents:

1. The counseling will be by a counselor who has received some training in Biblical counseling, but that may not have other certifications or degrees.
2. The counsel you will receive from us is based upon scriptural principles rather than principles of psychology or psychiatry.
3. The counsel you will receive will be based on the conclusions that the Bible is inerrant and authoritative, and contains God's answers to the issues of life, conduct, and relationships.
4. The counsel you will receive will reflect the counselor's understanding of the Bible and how the principles of scripture apply to the problems, questions, or issues involved.
5. Your responsibility is to make sincere effort to embrace and apply the teaching of God's word as it is applied to your life-situation.
6. If you do not have a home church, you must make the commitment to regularly attend Grace Church (3 weeks of 4) while receiving counseling from this ministry.
7. Counseling at Grace Church, including the statements made during counseling sessions, shall remain confidential, with the following qualifications and exceptions:
 - When a leader is uncertain of how to counsel a person about a particular problem and needs to seek advice from other leaders in our church or, if the person attends another church, from the leaders of that church (Prov. 11:14);



- When the person who disclosed the information, or any other person, is in imminent danger of serious harm unless others intervene (Prov. 24:11-12);
- When a person refuses to repent of sin and it becomes necessary to promote repentance through accountability and redemptive church discipline (Matt. 18:15-20); or
- When leaders are required by law to report suspected abuse (Rom. 13:1).

I have read, I understand, and I agree to these guidelines:

Name(s):

Signature(s):

Counselor:



Grace Church Kalispell

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