



## COUNSELING AGREEMENT

GREENTREECHURCH

Our counseling at Greentree is biblical counseling and viewed as an aspect of *Christian discipleship*. Since only God has the authority and wisdom to tell us who we are and how we are to live, then the Bible, as God’s Word, is our final authority. It is meant to interpret all of life for us. So in our counseling, we seek to apply the Bible to life.

Since biblical counseling is an aspect of discipleship, it belongs in the context of the local church. Here at Greentree, your counselor is not an isolated instrument of change, but part of Greentree’s care for you. Your counselor is an extension of the pastoral team, delegated with authority to speak into your life and under the direct supervision of the Pastor of Discipleship. Since your pastors are responsible for your care and desire to know how best they can pray and help you, your counselor reports on your progress to the pastoral team on a regular basis. Confidentiality is respected and cases are discussed to the degree necessary to provide you with biblical solutions and support.

Our counseling is provided without charge for those who are active within the life of Greentree Church.\* Your counselor is setting time aside just for you. It is therefore important that you take the biblical counseling of Greentree seriously and commit to:

1. Attend Sunday services seeking to be engaged with both your heart and mind.
2. Attend all scheduled counseling sessions, faithfully completing assigned homework.\*\*
3. Take steps to grow as advised by your counselor / pastors (e.g. devotions, serve, small group).

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I have read and agree to the above. I also understand and give permission for my counselor to share pertinent details with those who are accountable to God for my spiritual care and development.

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

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\* When requested by an area pastor, Greentree will on occasion provide counseling to a member of another church. In those situations, your counselor will keep the pastor of your home church updated on your progress as well. We request a \$25.00 donation per session for counselees who are not part of Greentree Church.

\*\* If you have to cancel because of an emergency, please call the church office as soon as possible so that we have the opportunity to offer your appointment time to someone else for that day.