

## Grace Community Church Biblical Counseling Ministry

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## Dear

Thank you for your interest in the counseling ministry at Grace Community Church. We hope that we may have the opportunity to meet you and discuss what Scripture says about your problem or issues. But before we can schedule our first appointment, there is some information of which you should be aware and some data forms that need to completed.

This packet should contain the following items:

- 1. This letter
- 2. The Facts About Biblical Counseling.
- 3. A Personal Data Inventory
- 4. A Consent to Counsel Form.
- 5. To become familiar with our approach to counseling, please read and study Matthew Chapters 5-7 for application before your first appointment. If you are married, please do together and discuss.

<u>Item #2</u> explains why Biblical counseling is different from other types of counseling you may be familiar with. We encourage you to carefully read this information so you understand our perspective on Biblical counseling.

<u>Item #3</u> is called a Personal Data Inventory. This inventory will help your counselor understand you, your history, and what you see as the major problem.

<u>Item #4</u> is a Consent to Counsel Form. This form explains the limits of confidentiality as well as our goals in your counseling.

<u>Items #2-4</u> need to be filled out and signed where appropriate. The documents should be returned to Grace Community Church prior to the first session. This information will help us understand the presenting concern and will make our first session all the more fruitful. After the documents are returned, we will contact you for an appointment time.

Thank you again for your interest in our ministry. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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