



Counseling Questionnaire for Non-members of GCC

Date:

Name:

Phone / email:

How did you hear about us?

Have you read our Waiver at www.gcchsv.org > Ministries > Biblical Counseling?

In a few sentences, please answer:

1. What is the basic problem as you see it?
2. What have you done about it to date?
3. What are your expectations/desires from us?

Are you a member of another church (see below)?

If "Yes":

Where? (Name/City/State)

How has your church leadership been involved in dealing with the issue(s) that brought you to us?

Would you be willing for us to work alongside your leadership as we provide counsel?

If you are a member of another church, the Bible teaches that the elders/pastors of the local church are responsible for shepherding the lives of the people in their congregation (1 Pet 5:2) and will give a direct account to God for them (Heb 13:17). That last passage also says that each of us are to submit to our leaders. We therefore encourage you to discuss these things and anything we say with your leadership.

Furthermore, because we have a conviction that shepherds will be held accountable by God for the spiritual welfare of their flock, we prefer (whenever possible) to work with your church leadership if you are a member of another church. We fully understand that many in church leadership do not have much training, confidence, or even interest to do a lot of counseling, so we desire to come alongside them in this matter. When everyone participates, it yields a much better long-term solution for you, strengthened church leadership, and a new relationship between us and your church leadership.

We prefer (though not demand) that you discuss these things with someone in your church leadership and then let us know if your church leadership will support us counseling you and how they might be involved with us.