



BIBLICAL MENTORING DISCLOSURE, AUTHORIZATION, AND CONSENT

DISCLOSURE

Lifepoint Church provides a short term Biblical Mentoring program for those seeking to be renewed, equipped, and strengthened in their relationship with God and who seek biblical guidance for handling their personal affairs. In applying for these services certain principles apply to the provision of such services:

Lifepoint Church believes that short term Biblical mentoring can be very beneficial when used effectively, but Lifepoint Church limits its assistance to providing mentoring based on Biblical principles. Referrals to other professional licensed therapists, counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, or other licensed professionals in the community will be provided upon request of the Applicant, or when the Mentor believes that such referral is appropriate.

Lifepoint Church reserves the right to terminate any on-going Biblical mentoring if the Biblical Mentor believes that the needs or issues of the Applicant exceed the limits of Biblical mentoring. At that time, every reasonable effort will be made to provide referrals the Applicant to assist them in locating psychotherapy, psychological, counseling services, legal, accounting or financial planning services, should they desire to pursue further support more appropriate to their current issues and challenges.

Furthermore, though the biblical mentoring is not provided in a professional capacity, the law imposes upon the mentors and the Church the following exceptions to confidentiality or privilege that may exist within the context of Biblical mentoring and may require the mentor and/or the Church to disclose certain information to the appropriate persons or agencies. In particular, by endorsing this form you agree to the following:

- " Whenever the Mentor or Lifepoint Church is compelled to release information regarding an individual's participation in the Biblical Mentor program in response to lawful process issued pursuant to federal, state or local law, in the form of a valid court order or subpoena, the mentor or Church shall provide the information requested and I release Lifepoint Church and the mentor (s) from any liability for such release of information.
- " If and when information is disclosed in the context of the mentoring that suggests the actual or suspected abuse or neglect of a person under the age of 18, or of an elderly person. In such event the Mentor or the Church will report this actual or suspected abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agency and/or department of social services. I release Lifepoint Church and the mentor (s) from any liability for such release of information.
- " If and when information is disclosed in the context of mentoring that suggests any suicidal ideation, plan, or intent on the part of the Applicant, the Biblical Mentor and Lifepoint Church will take all appropriate and reasonable measures to ensure the safety of the Applicant and others in harm's way, and the Applicant hereby authorizes the Mentor and Lifepoint Church to make such disclosures of this information as they deem appropriate for the protection of the applicant of any third party that may be in harm's way as perceived by the mentor or the Church. I release Lifepoint Church and the mentor (s) from any liability for such release of information.
- " If and when information is disclosed in the context of mentoring that suggests any homicidal ideation, plan, or intent on the part of the Applicant, the Biblical Mentor and Lifepoint Church will take appropriate and reasonable measures to ensure the safety of the suspected and/or intended victims or other's in harm's way, and the Applicant hereby authorizes the Mentor and Lifepoint Church to make such disclosures of this information as they deem appropriate for the protection of individuals that may be in danger or in harm's way, as the mentor or Church may conclude, including release of the information to appropriate law enforcement agencies. I release Lifepoint Church and the mentor (s) from any liability for such release of information.
- " Except as identified, above, the information shared by an Applicant in the Biblical

Mentoring program will be held in confidence and may also be privileged. Lifepoint Church shall be notified by the Mentor or Applicant if issues arise about disclosure of information to third parties or if safety issues arise in the course of participation in the program.

AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT

I, the undersigned Applicant, have applied for mentoring through the Biblical Mentorship program at Lifepoint Church. I understand and recognize that such Biblical mentoring consists of and is limited to guidance in my personal affairs and activities based on Christian ideals, beliefs, and scripture as interpreted and applied by the Biblical Mentor(s) assigned to me in the program.

I recognize and understand and acknowledge that under this program I WILL NOT BE RECEIVING ANY PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOMETRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL, LEGAL, FINANCIAL OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OR ANY OTHER FORM OF THERAPY OR COUNSELING THAT A LICENSE IS REQUIRED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA TO CONDUCT. I understand and recognize that the Biblical Mentors are NOT licensed mental health care providers, financial planners and are NOT holding themselves out as “professional therapists” or “counselors”, “marriage and family therapists”, “psychiatrists,” “psychometrists,” or “psychologists,” NOR is their guidance to be considered “professional counseling”, “substance abuse counseling”, or “marriage and family therapy” or any other counseling service for which a license is required by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I acknowledge and understand that the guidance received by me from the Biblical Mentor(s) is not intended as an alternative to, and does not assess, diagnose, correct, treat, or counsel in a professional capacity, or to assist in the assessment, diagnosis, correction or treatment of, among other things, the following:

- " alleviating mental or emotional illness, symptoms, conditions, or disorders, including alcohol or drug addiction;
- " understanding conscious or subconscious motivations;
- " resolving emotional, attitudinal, or relationship conflicts; or

- " modifying feelings, attitudes, or behaviors that interfere with effective emotional, social or intellectual functioning;
- " resolving legal issues; or
- " determining appropriate financial steps to take, and tax strategies or planning.

I acknowledge that in the event such advice is given during mentoring concerning these or problems of the like, such advice IS NOT given, or intended to be given, in a professional capacity, but is given by the Biblical Mentor(s) in their recognized capacity as a Biblically-based Mentor(s) applying Christian principles to guide my personal choices and decisions, and that professional guidance may differ from the guidance given by the Mentor. In instances where professional counseling is appropriate, I, as Applicant, should weigh both the professional advice of my counselors, if any, and the guidance given by the Mentor, and choose for myself the course of action that is appropriate given all appropriate concerns.

I acknowledge and understand that it is my obligation to inform the Biblical Mentor(s), prior to a Biblical mentoring session, if I do NOT desire to further participate in Biblical mentoring, but rather, intend to establish a professional relationship with a mental health service provider, or other professional therapist or advisor, in which case I will not receive any further Biblical mentoring from this ministry of Lifepoint Church and, upon my request, will be given a referral to an appropriate professional.

I acknowledge and understand that I take full responsibility for all personal decisions made by me and that the mentorship program is intended as only guidance for me and does not supplant my individual responsibility to act legally and responsibly. Mentors provide guidance only and I am free to accept or reject the guidance given, and should do so if I believe the guidance given is not useful or inappropriate.

I acknowledge and understand that I will not be considered to be under the care or custody of the Biblical Mentor(s) or of Lifepoint Church as a result of seeking or obtaining Biblical mentoring, or by attending Biblical mentoring sessions.

I acknowledge, authorize, and consent to the release or disclosure of any information

obtained from me during the biblical mentoring program when the release or disclosure is required by law or ethical compulsion by the mentor/s or the Church, as identified above.

I acknowledge and understand that no fee, charge or financial obligation of any kind is required to receive the requested Biblical mentoring. I do agree to be cooperative with the Mentor(s), and be respectful toward the Mentor(s) and Lifepoint Church.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, the undersigned Applicant, have read and fully informed myself of the contents of this Biblical Mentoring Disclosure, Authorization and Consent form by reading and understanding it before signing it. I hereby release Lifepoint Church and it's Biblical Mentors from any and all liability resulting from the guidance given in the mentorship sessions or any disclosure of information resulting therefrom.

Name (Printed): _____ (“Applicant”)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____