



BELIEVERS' BIBLICAL COUNSELING CENTER

POLICY ON COUNSELING PEOPLE FROM OTHER CHURCHES

In the event a member from another church requests biblical counseling from a biblical counselor at Believers' Biblical Counseling Center they may agree to do so following these procedures:

1. The biblical counselor, counseling administrator, or pastor of biblical counseling should request an elder from the counselee's church to be present during the biblical counseling session(s) with the counselee.
 - a. This is to ensure the counselee's church that Believers' Biblical Counseling Center is trying to keep the counselee accountable to their local church and to allow their shepherds to continue the shepherding process.
 - b. This is also so that the counselee's elder will become familiar with biblical counseling and can be trained along with the counselee. If the counselee's church elders are equipped to counsel biblically, the counselee's church should provide the counseling.
 - c. This protects the biblical counselor and Believers' Biblical Counseling Center from false accusations from the counselee and/or counselee's church.
2. If the elder from the counselee's church is unwilling or unable to be present during the biblical counseling session(s), the counselee may still receive biblical counsel from Believers' Biblical Counseling Center contingent upon the following conditions:
 - a. There is a biblically justifiable reason for the counselee's elder not being present during the biblical counseling session(s).
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 - b. The counselee's elder plans to attend future biblical counseling sessions and the reason for counsel is urgent in nature.
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 - c. The counselee's elder or church is heretical.
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 - d. The biblical counseling session is recorded, and a copy of the recording is available to be given to the counselee's elder or church.
3. If the counselee attends a church that is not faithful to proclaim the gospel or is heretical, the counselee must begin attending Believers' Baptist Church services to receive more than (2) biblical counseling sessions.
 - a. Exceptions can be made depending upon the circumstances, nature, and urgency of the counsel needed under the guidance of Believers' Baptist Church elders.
4. The biblical counselor has the right to decline counseling at any time.
 - a. This should be done for biblically justifiable reasons, and under the guidance of Believers' Baptist Church elders.



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