



INFORMED CONSENT AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

We at Scope Ministries International believe God provides His written Word for guidance as to how we should live, with the real focus being on our relationship with Him. We believe the Bible is God's wholly reliable instruction manual for life, and the purpose of our ministry is to teach its application.

Our staff members and group facilitators are generally not state-licensed counselors, because they perform a different function. We are not "counselors" in the secular sense of the word. Instead of attempting to counsel individuals as to how they should conduct themselves, we teach a person's understanding of and relationship with the Heavenly Father determines their conduct. What we offer is Biblical ministry, as opposed to secular counseling.

Our staff does not possess the ability to change your life or fix your problems. Greater understanding and a different approach to life will only come through consistent effort on your part and cooperation with the Holy Spirit. The ultimate responsibility for growth and change rests with you and God. You are invited at any time to ask questions about the staff member or facilitator with whom you are working, their methods, and the direction their ministry with you is headed.

While careful listening and empathy are a part of our Biblical process, the type of ministry offered by Scope is not passive, but directive in nature. Homework will occasionally be assigned based on the teachings and principles of Scripture. Assignments include reading, Bible studies and teaching tapes.

Most people find our ministry helpful. Depending on the nature of your difficulty, however, you might experience uncomfortable emotions during the course of your growth in Christ. Sometimes, as a person begins to follow Biblical precepts, the situation may feel or actually become worse. That is not a good reason to think you are not making progress. To the contrary, it is an indication you are positively impacting your situation. When a person's life becomes unmanageable, there is a need to "unlearn" certain beliefs, learn new beliefs, and establish new life patterns. This is often initially uncomfortable and may even bring additional friction in relationships, as adjustments to new ways of thinking and acting are made.

You are free to discontinue our ministry process at any time. Most people continue until they have learned Biblical methods of thinking and acting. The Bible calls this process "renewing the mind". Occasionally, Scope may elect to discontinue with a particular person. This usually happens when we see no substantial progress is being made, or other factors are interfering with the ministry process.

Under normal circumstances, everything you discuss will be held in strict confidence. However, there are some situations where we may be required by law to report information without your permission or knowledge. These situations include, but may not be limited to: (1) indication of bodily harm to others, (2) involvement in a felony, (3) suicidal intentions, (4) knowledge of child or elder abuse/neglect. We might also be required to disclose information in response to a subpoena issued by a court of law.

Please be considerate and on time for your appointments. If you need to cancel an appointment, please notify our office at least 24 hours in advance. Because we are also a training center, a Scope Ministries International trainee may occasionally participate in the process. Trainees are subject to the same confidentiality guidelines as staff.

Scope Ministries International is an independent, inter-denominational, non-profit ministry. In accordance with other passages, and I Corinthians 6, we ask all who receive ministry from Scope Ministries International to read and sign this informed consent and to release Scope Ministries International, its agents and employees from any claim whatever arising from the undersigned's participation in Scope's ministry.

"I have voluntarily sought Scope's ministry on my own initiative, and am under no obligation to accept or reject any of the information that I may receive from Scope. I agree to hold Scope Ministries and its staff members harmless from any liability, loss or damage of any kind which arises as a result of the ministry received."

I have read and understand the above Informed Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement. I agree with and sign it as my free and voluntary act.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Spouse Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed: _____ Date: _____



CONFIDENTIAL SCOPE MINISTRIES INTAKE FORM

Date _____ Referred by _____ circle: Individual or Couples ministry
Name _____ [] Male [] Female Age _____
Address _____ Home Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone _____
Employer _____ Occupation _____
Daytime phone _____ Email address _____
[] Single [] Married _____ [] Separated _____ [] Divorced _____ [] Widowed _____
Years Date Date Date
Number of marriages _____ Number of Children _____ Ages _____
Spouse's Name _____ Age _____ Daytime phone _____
Spouse's Employer _____ Occupation _____
Is your spouse currently coming to Scope? [] Yes [] No Have you taken 'Be Transformed'? [] Yes [] No
Explain briefly what problem brought you to Scope:

Have you made the discovery of knowing Jesus Christ personally? [] Yes [] No
How important is Christ to you in your daily life?

What hinders you from living the most effective Christian life?

What church do you attend? _____ Denomination _____

How often do you attend? [] Regularly [] Occasionally [] Seldom [] Not at this time

Please check here to opt out of: [] Class schedules, prayer letters, and updates by regular mail OR
[] E-mail correspondence (Does not include contact for scheduling & cancelation purposes)

DISCLAIMER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand that Scope Ministries International is a nonprofit Oklahoma Corporation that makes no charge for its services. Scope does accept donations. If you choose to make a donation to Scope you may use a simple rule of thumb of .1% of total yearly income as an hourly rate (i.e. \$35,000 annual income would have a suggested donation rate of \$35 per hour). There will be a charge for materials.

I further state that I have voluntarily sought assistance on my own initiative and that I am under no obligation to accept or reject any of the guidance or help that I might receive from staff members of Scope Ministries.

I agree to hold Scope and its staff members free from any and all liability, loss or damage of any kind, which may arise as a result of assistance, which I have received, or from my involvement with Scope.

The number of sessions may be limited by the availability of the staff member. An evaluation will occur after 3-5 sessions.

I have read this disclaimer and release of liability and understand and agree with it and have executed it as my free and voluntary act.

Signature _____ Witness _____

Name _____ Date _____

Check Yes or No if this statement describes you (most of the time).

Yes No

- I prefer to work with things rather than people.
- I internalize my frustration with others. I keep it to myself.
- I'm often critical of myself.
- People should keep the rules.
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- By the end of the day I feel tired.
- People frustrate me.
- I want others to invite me to events.
- People are too inconsistent.
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- I do not like others inspecting my work/giving advice.
- I want to know what will happen next.
- I'm always thinking.
- I enjoy being alone.
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- I find it difficult to fall asleep immediately.
- I want lots of information on the outcome before I act.
- I dislike change.
- I think of myself as analytical.
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- I want to be in control.
- I like a challenge.
- Rules are frustrating.
- People are lazy.
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- I like others to follow my plan.
- I have lots of ideas most of the time.
- I feel circumstances box me in.
- People need to listen to me more.
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- Others lack the vision to help me accomplish my goals.
- I prefer being the boss.
- Problems challenge me.
- Others often misunderstand me.
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- Others see me as harsh and uncaring.
- When I get mad everyone knows it.
- I like to see things happen immediately.
- I hate routine.

Check Yes or No if this statement describes you (most of the time) - cont'd

Yes No

- [] [] I enjoy being with people.
 - [] [] I enjoy staying up late when I'm with others.
 - [] [] My feelings are easily hurt.
 - [] [] Hurting others bothers me.
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- [] [] I hate routine work.
 - [] [] I prefer to work with people and not be left alone.
 - [] [] I enjoy social activities.
 - [] [] I often feel that others do not like me.
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- [] [] I dislike being rejected.
 - [] [] I dislike being alone.
 - [] [] I like to motivate other people.
 - [] [] I cry easily.
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- [] [] I enjoy helping other people.
- [] [] I like to include others in my projects.
- [] [] I find myself easily influenced by others.
- [] [] I like belonging to an organization.

Check the emotions you experienced: I feel that I am or have been:

- Abused Boring Can't do anything right Disrespected Failure Guilty Helpless Insignificant
 Incapable I should die I cause misery Neglected Not good enough Something is wrong with me
 Stupid Unacceptable Unwanted Unlovable Worthless Other _____

Check ways you have attempted to fix yourself or your circumstances:

- Bible Study Counseling Church attendance Exercise New Job New Location New Relationships
 Put life in children or grand children People pleasing Performance Prayer Reading Work harder
 Vows Other _____

Check which of the following describe things you have done or do at your WORST or when you are depressed, angry, etc.

- Alcohol Moody Seek attention Blame others Control Cheat Critical of self Critical of others
 Cry Drugs Eat Explode Fantasize Gamble Lie Manipulate Make excuses Read
 Reject others Romance Run/avoid Sex Spend \$ Steal Take no blame Take all the blame
 TV/Movies/Internet Try to fix Withdraw Worry Work harder Other _____

Check the characteristics which describe your spouse (or individuals) at their WORST, when you are at your worst. This person (s) is:

- Abusive Against me Always right Angry Cheating on me Controlling Defensive Demanding
 Disappointed with me Emotional Explosive Harsh Hard to please Impersonal Incapable
 Inconsistent Inconsiderate Irrational Irresponsible Insecure Insensitive Manipulative Moody
 Quiet Trying to change me Selfish Rejecting me Unforgiving Has high expectations
 Unaffectionate Uncomplimentary Unkind Unloving Unrealistic Untrustworthy Withdrawn
 Will disappoint me Other _____

Scope Ministries, International, Inc. ("SMI") provides pastoral counseling and biblical coaching and premarital pastoral counseling and biblical coaching as among the services it offers to the general public. Based on its more than forty (40) years of offering such services, it is evident that those who participate financially in the benefits they receive are more successful in achieving their related goals than those who do not participate. As fundamentally supported in the Bible, SMI strongly believes that every person who is financially able and is receiving services should participate financially in the cost of the services provided.

However, SMI understands that not all clients receiving services have the ability to pay for such services. As a charitable organization, **SMI ensures that no client is turned away for failure to pay.**

Pastoral Counseling and Biblical Coaching

The cost to SMI for offering pastoral counseling and biblical coaching is approximately \$150.00 per hour, and the salaries of the counselors and/or coaches are dependent, in large part, on SMI's ability to receive donations and charitable gifts that sustain the costs. Because SMI is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, your donation to SMI may be tax deductible based on your individual tax situation.

Premarital Pastoral Counseling and Biblical Coaching

The cost to SMI for offering premarital pastoral counseling and biblical coaching is approximately \$250.00 for the first four hours and \$65.00 per hour thereafter. The salaries of the counselors and/or coaches are dependent, in large part, on SMI's ability to receive donations and charitable gifts that sustain the costs. Because SMI is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, your donation to SMI may be tax deductible based on your individual tax situation.

Intake Appointment

The initial intake appointment for either type of service is provided at no cost to clients. During this appointment, SMI staff members may recommend that a client participate in one of the small groups that lay the foundation and/or supplement the counseling services. These classes may include "Be Transformed," or "Intimacy with God," and have proven highly effective in helping clients resolve many of the conflicts for which individuals seek counseling.

I have read the above information and understand the financial responsibility of a client receiving services at SMI. In seeking the counseling and biblical coaching services offered by SMI, I have prayerfully considered the needs of ministry and the services I will receive and believe God is directing me to support the ministry as follows:

1. ___ The minimum *suggested* donation is based on a simple rule of thumb of 0.1% of total yearly income as an hourly rate (i.e. \$35,000 annual income would have a suggested donation rate of \$35 per hour), or;_____.

2. ___ I agree to the suggested donation of \$150 or a donation of \$_____per hour of services;

3. ___ I agree to the suggested minimum donation for Premarital Counseling / Biblical Coaching of \$250.00 for the first four hours and \$65.00 per hour for any additional hours, if needed;

No one will be denied services due to their inability to support this ministry.

Date: _____ Client Signature: _____

Donations may be made via cash, check, credit/debit card, pay pal, or automatic draft.