



Personal Information Form: International Ministry Leader

Everyone needs biblical hope, care, and renewal in every stage of life, and God graciously supplies us with His sufficient hope and help (Rom. 15:4; 15:13). We consider it a great privilege to walk alongside you in your current season of life. By God's grace, we desire to provide you with excellent biblical counseling care, and this "Personal Information" form helps us to accomplish this. *Please fill out this form to the best of your ability, so that we may get to know you and your life situation.* - SICM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State (if applicable): _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Email Address: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____ Sex: Male Female

Referred to us by: _____ Relationship: _____

Please list the days and times you are available for counseling sessions between Monday-Friday:

Occupation(s) (Ministry and/or other): _____

Education: Elementary High School GED College Graduate/Seminary

Degree(s): _____

Other Training (Please list type and years):

Marital Status: Single Engaged Married Separated Divorced Remarried Widowed

Siblings: Older Brothers: ___ Older Sisters: ___ Younger Brothers: ___ Younger Sisters: ___

MARRIAGE & FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Spouse: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Occupation(s) (Ministry and/or other): _____

Education: Elementary High School GED College Graduate/Seminary

Degree(s): _____

Other Training (Please list type and years):

Does your spouse know you are coming for counseling? Yes No

Is your spouse willing to come for counseling? Yes No Uncertain
Have you ever been separated? Yes No When? From: _____ Till: _____
Your ages when married: Husband: _____ Wife: _____ Years married: _____

How long did you know your spouse before marriage? _____

Length of steady dating before marriage: _____ Length of engagement: _____

How often do you spend meaningful time with your spouse outside of your regular ministry activities?

Not often Occasionally Regularly

If applicable, please give brief information about any previous marriages:

Information about children:

- *Please place "PM" beside any children from a previous marriage**
- *Please place "NL" beside any children not living**
- *Please place "A" beside any adopted children**

Name:	Birthdate:	Sex:	Education:	Marital Status:
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Does your family regularly read the Bible and pray together? Yes No

Do you have any immediate family members currently living in another country?

HEALTH INFORMATION

Approximately how many hours of sleep do you get each night? _____

When do you go to sleep at night? _____ When do you get up? _____

Rate your health: Excellent Good Average Poor Declining

Weight: _____ Height: _____

Any weight changes recently? _____

Do you have any chronic medical conditions? Please list and describe:

List all important past and present illnesses, injuries, or handicaps:

Date of last medical examination: _____ What was the report? _____

Name and address of your physician:

Are you presently taking medication? Yes No

Medication(s): _____

Have you ever used illegal or abused prescription drugs? Yes No Unsure

How often do you consume alcohol? Daily Weekly Occasionally Very little Never

If the counselor believes that it would be helpful to see your psychiatric and/or medical reports, would you be willing to sign a release of information form? Yes No

How many times per week do you exercise? What type of exercise?

Do you have any dietary restrictions? _____

How would you rate your overall eating habits? Poor Good Excellent

RELIGIOUS INFORMATION

Have you come to a place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven? Yes No Uncertain

Suppose you died today, and God asked you: "Why should I let you into my heaven?" What would you say?

Have you been baptized? Yes No

How would you describe what God is like?

Number of days you read the Bible in any given week (Circle or highlight):

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

How often do you pray to God? Rarely Occasionally Daily

What do you pray for?

Explain any recent changes in your spiritual life, if any:

Religious background of spouse: _____

Denominational preference: _____

Church attended in childhood: _____ City/State: _____

Sending church (if applicable): _____ City/State: _____

Sending church pastor's name: _____

Name of mission board/agency: _____ City/State: _____

Name of church you attend: _____ City/State: _____

Name of pastor: _____

Do you have any other leaders in your church? (List their names and positions):

Do you consider yourself to be spiritually accountable to anyone? Who?

Number of church services you attend per month (Circle or highlight):

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 10+

PERSONAL INFORMATION

If you were raised by anyone other than your parents, please briefly explain:

What languages do you speak? How fluently?

What are some of your favorite things to do?

What does a typical day look like for you?

What relationships give you the most joy? The most sorrow?

What do you see as your greatest strength? Greatest weakness?

Check off any of the following words that best describe you now:

- Active Ambitious Lonely Persistent Anxious Self-confident
- Hardworking Impatient Impulsive Moody Often sad Angry
- Excitable Imaginative Calm Serious Easygoing Bitter
- Shy Fearful Introvert Extrovert Likeable Self-conscious
- Leader Quiet Inflexible Submissive Sensitive Performance-driven

MINISTRY INFORMATION

What do you see as the best or most fulfilling aspect of your present ministry?

What do you see as the most difficult or challenging aspect of your present ministry?

How often do you take personal time off or breaks from your ministry?

Who do you consider your closest companion(s) in your present ministry?

How long have you been in your present ministry? Any prior ministries?

HISTORY INFORMATION

Have you dealt with severe emotional struggles in the past or present? Yes No

Have you experienced any traumatic events? Yes No Uncertain

If yes, what? _____

Have you ever had therapy or counseling before? Yes No

If yes, please list therapist or counselor and dates:

What was the outcome or result of your previous therapy/counseling?

At any time, have you:

- Felt people were watching you? Yes No
- Had difficulty recognizing faces? Yes No
- Been unable to judge distance? Yes No
- Had visual hallucinations? Yes No
- Had auditory (hearing) hallucinations? Yes No

Been addicted to anything? Yes No

Have you ever been arrested? Yes No Reason: _____

List any fears or worries you have:

FIVE BASIC QUESTIONS

1. What are the main issues you are struggling with at this time? When did you first begin to experience these problems?

2. What have you done about it? If you have spoken with anyone in leadership at your church/mission board/mission agency, what have they recommended you do?

3. What do you hope is accomplished by coming to counseling at this time? (Your expectations?)

4. What circumstances led you to seek counsel here at this time?

5. What other information is important to your specific situation that you would like for us to know?

****PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE CONSENT TO COUNSEL FORM BELOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM****

Distinctives and Consent to Counsel

Our Confidence in Biblical Counseling

At Selah International Counseling Ministries, we are confident that the Bible contains all the necessary information for your life and your need for godliness (2 Peter 1:24). We do not need to go outside its pages to find the answers. Though it is not a medical book, it is a spiritual, relational, and behavioral Book from God Himself. When God's Word speaks to our problem or trouble, it is the authority in explaining why the problem exists. There is no other book or counsel so worthy of our attention as we seek explanations and solutions to all our woes. Those who put their hope in His Word will never be ashamed. If we follow His counsel, we will always be led in the right way – to a deeper faith and practical obedience in Jesus Christ. Simply stated, the Bible guides us through our problems to Jesus Christ. There is not and never will be another counselor more wise, more powerful, more loving, more insightful, and more worthy than Him. In Him, we will find all we need. He is sufficient and His Word is sufficient in leading us to Him.

What You Can Expect

- 1) We will carefully gather all the information needed to understand your unique situation.
- 2) You will receive biblical hope and encouragement that your problems can be solved.
- 3) You will gain biblical insights into the root causes of your problems.
- 4) You will learn to think and respond to your trouble in ways that will lead to lasting changes and solutions.

Our Expectations

Please bring your Bible and notebook to take notes (whether in person or virtual), ready to prayerfully work on specific changes God's Word prescribes for you. You will be asked to complete homework between sessions. Each assignment will be relevant to your presenting problem and will help you find biblical resolution more quickly.

It is important for you to attend a local Christian church that believes and teaches God's Word clearly and unashamedly. Fellowship with God's people is essential to promoting and sustaining the things God will be doing in your life through biblical counseling. In some cases, and with your approval, we will ask a Pastor or another mature Christian or to join us in the counseling process for the purpose of supporting you more personally through prayer and a caring relationship.

Confidentiality Policy

The Bible clearly says gossip is wrong. Therefore, SICM will not release information about counselees except in the few situations required by the Bible or by the law. Those situations are:

- 1) When the information presented by the counselee may involve criminal or illegal practices or if the counselee poses a threat to himself/herself or others.
- 2) When there is a clear indication that someone may be physically or sexually abused unless others intervene.
- 3) When a child or elder over the age of 65 is physically or sexually abused
- 4) When a person persistently refuses to biblically repent of and renounce a particular sin and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of others in the church to encourage repentance and reconciliation. (Proverbs 15:22; 24:11; Matthew 18:15-20)

Please be assured that our counselors strongly prefer not to disclose personal information to others, and they will make every effort to help you find ways to resolve a problem as privately as possible.

Cost

It costs Selah International **\$130** per session to provide this level of personalized counseling and solutions. If two counselors are needed, that cost grows to **\$160** per session. However, we do not want financial reasons to keep anyone from receiving biblical counseling. If the cost of counseling is a concern, we have a limited number of scholarships available for those in full-time ministry. Please contact us directly for more information regarding these scholarships at admin@selahinternational.org. You will be billed weekly after your sessions take place. **Please note that we require a notification of one, full business day before a cancellation or rescheduling of an appointment.** The only exceptions are in the case of an emergency. If sufficient notice is not given, we will invoice you for **\$40** to help cover the lost time by the counselor.

CONSENT TO COUNSEL (Initial at each number)

_____ 1) I agree not to subpoena or require any biblical counselor to appear in any legal proceedings related to any matters or any persons discussed in any counseling appointments; Furthermore, I agree not to attempt to subpoena any notes or records related to the counseling process.

_____ 2) I understand that I may be asked to allow two counselors to work together with me on helping me find biblical solutions to the problems. This is because of the benefits to the counselees that this team approach has produced. The primary counselor will be a staff biblical counselor, but a team counselor may join him.

_____ 3) I understand SICM counselors do not use psychological models or insights to help me with explaining or solving my problems. I understand that SICM counselors are biblically trained and certified to counsel. I understand SICM seeks to use the Scriptures to interpret, instruct, and inspire solutions.

_____ 4) I understand that depending on the presenting issue(s) and the circumstances involved, my sending pastor and/or missions agency area director may need to be appropriately informed of your counseling relationship with SICM within a time frame determined by your counselor. I understand that my counselor will clearly communicate with me prior to initiating contact with my sending pastor and/or missions agency area director.

_____ 5) I agree to pay my counseling invoices within the time allotted and that I will be billed the cancellation fee should I cancel a session without proper notice.

Counselee's Name

(Please Print) _____

Signature

Date

Please inform SICM of specific communication instructions if security concerns exist for transmission of sensitive information online. While SICM seeks to be confidential in its storage of sensitive information, we cannot guarantee complete security of information that is transmitted online.