

REDEMPTION GROUP APPLICATION FORM

This form is your individual application for the upcoming Redemption Group.

It's important that you understand that by applying to participate in a Redemption Group, you are volunteering to join as a participant. This is not a conference or training seminar. You'll be expected to dig in and share from your life in the Redemption Group experience. There's nothing mystical or mysterious about it, it's the gospel worked out in community.

Redemption Group is for people who are serious about gospel transformation in their own lives. It is not for spectators. There is no back row to hide in.

Any personal information you provide to us, whether on this form or in a Redemption Group, will be handled in accordance with the Biblical Counseling Consent agreement found below.

Name

Email

Phone #

Gender:

M or F

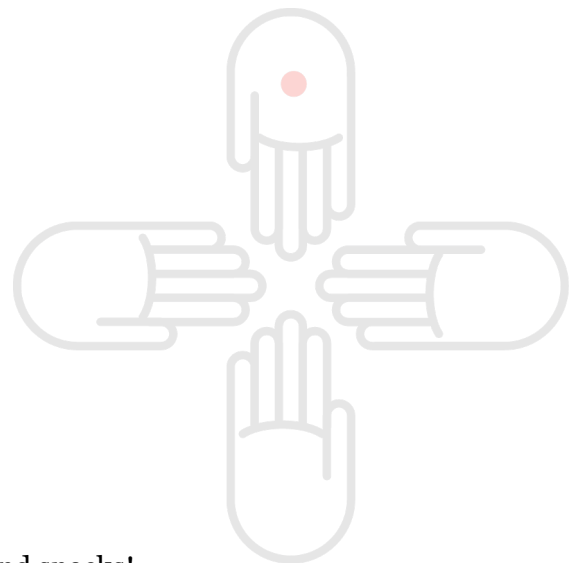
Age:

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- Over 55

Marital Status:

- Single
- Married

The cost for the Redemption Group is \$40 per participant.
This includes your book, syllabus and 2 lunches, 1 breakfast, and snacks!



Because the Redemption Group is a group experience, **attendance through the entire duration is essential.** Your application will not be accepted if you already know you are not available for the entire experience (if you think you have an exception, answer “other” and explain).

Will you commit to being present for every session?

The typical schedule will be a Friday evening, from 7pm-9:30pm; all day Saturday, 8:30am-4pm with a breakfast and lunch provided; every Tuesday for the 7 weeks following, from 6:45pm-9:30pm; and concluding on the Saturday of the 7th week, from 9am-2pm with lunch included.

- Yes
- Other (explain)

Are you part of a Gospel Community?

- Yes
- No

If yes, who are your leaders?

What are you hoping to get from being a participant in a Redemption Group?

Childcare:

Childcare is not provided as part of the Redemption Group experience. We suggest and recommend childcare be done in your own home by a sitter, family, friends or members of your Gospel Community. Maybe you can trade with other families, helping each other out with childcare needs. If finding adequate care or finances for childcare are issues, please check the appropriate boxes. We realize childcare may be a need that would prevent you from participating in Redemption Groups and want to know.

- Childcare Needs
- Financial Need/Issue

REDEMPTION GROUP CONSENT

Agreement (Please read the following consent carefully before signing.)

In seeking help, you agree you will make a good-faith effort at personal growth and engage in the pastoral care process as an important priority at this time in your life. You agree to do your work, and that Element Christian Church may terminate the biblical counseling at any time.

You understand and recognize that biblical counseling consists of helping people overcome spiritual or emotional concerns by applying Biblical principles to areas of need pertaining to religious ideals, beliefs, and scripture as interpreted and ministered by Element Christian Church.

You understand that your biblical counselors will not utilize clinical or psychological techniques or interventions in providing biblical counseling. You understand and recognize that each biblical counselor either (i) is NOT a state licensed mental health professional or (ii), if he or she is a state licensed mental health professional, he or she is not providing you biblical counseling at Element Christian Church in his or her capacity as a licensed professional. For purposes of the biblical counseling being provided to you at Element Christian Church, no biblical counselor holds himself or herself as a “psychiatrist,” “psychologist,” “mental health counselor,” “marriage and family therapists,” or “counselor,” nor is the biblical counseling you receive considered “psychiatry,” “psychology,” “mental health counseling,” “marriage and family therapy,” or “counseling” as defined by state law.

You acknowledge and understand that this authorization and consent has the same force and effect regardless of whether the biblical counseling activities are free or fee-based. You acknowledge and understand that you take full responsibility for decisions you make after or as a result of any Redemption Group session. You acknowledge and understand that you will not be under the care or custody of the Redemption Group leaders, supervisors or Element Christian Church by obtaining biblical counseling or by attending Redemption Group sessions. You acknowledge that you have the right to refuse to participate in biblical counseling at any time.

The Role of Biblical Counseling in Redemption Groups

We believe that the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ is effective for changing the way we think, behave and feel. Redemption Groups are one form of biblical counseling. The Apostle Paul exemplifies the broad range of attitudes and objectives in biblical counseling, and guides the church to continue counseling one another likewise when he says to the Thessalonians:

But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us... For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory... And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all (1 Thes. 2:7-8, 11-12; 5:14)

The elders and others who provide biblical counseling, including Redemption Group leaders and supervisors (“biblical counselors”), desire to help people overcome spiritual or emotional concerns by applying Biblical principles to areas of need. In providing this counseling, they are exempt from applicable state laws regulating professional counselors and similar professions such as marriage and family therapists. In most cases, the individual or individuals who provide biblical counseling through Element Christian Church are not professionally trained, nor registered, licensed, or certified by the State of California or a national certifying body. Should an elder or person providing biblical counseling also happen to be a registered, licensed or certified mental health professional, the biblical counseling provided by such a person through Element Christian Church is not being provided in that person’s capacity as a licensed professional.

Biblical counseling through Element Christian Church is not a substitute for professional care by a psychologist, psychiatrist, medical doctor or other healthcare provider, and biblical counselors at Element Christian Church are not trained to diagnose or treat mental illness or other medical conditions. Therefore, it is your sole, exclusive responsibility to seek professional care and you agree it shall not be a responsibility of Element Christian Church to make such a referral.

Statement of Non-Confidentiality and Non-Privileged Communication

Biblical counselors at Element Christian Church will attempt to limit the disclosure of anything you say to your biblical counselors in furtherance of your biblical counseling. From time to time, and without limitation, biblical counselors may need to consult with pastors and/ or their biblical counseling supervisors among others. We do attempt to limit these disclosures as much as reasonably possible. Further, biblical counseling sessions do not involve privileged communication. Privileged communication is codified in the law and generally means that a minister acting in his professional capacity as a spiritual advisor cannot be forced to reveal the content of confidential communications to any outside party, including a court of law. However, confidentiality will not apply and you consent to disclosure, under the following circumstances:

1. When there is evidence of actual or threatened abuse, neglect or other harm of a child or vulnerable adult, or when applicable law requires disclosure.
2. When your biblical counselor feels a need to discuss your case for consultation purposes with his/ her supervisor, peers, professionals, or elders who may be a resource involved in your situation.
3. When there is contemplation or commission of a crime or harmful act.
4. When there is a subpoena or other legal process.
5. When you or your legal representative authorize disclosure of any information not otherwise subject to appropriate disclosure under this Agreement.
6. In other circumstances where the pastor or counselor deems it necessary to disclose the information.

Dispute Resolution

You acknowledge and understand that any and all disputes that may arise out of or result from the biblical counseling you receive through Element Christian Church will be resolved through conciliation or mediation, and if necessary, binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation, Institute for Christian Conciliation. The decision of the arbitrators shall be binding on both parties, and both parties submit themselves to the personal jurisdiction of the courts of California, both state and federal, for the entry of a judgment confirming the arbitrators' award. Each party shall bear its own costs, including attorney's fees, related to any mediation, conciliation, or arbitration proceeding. You acknowledge and understand, if a dispute may result in an award of monetary damages, then use of the conciliation, mediation, and arbitration procedure is conditioned on acceptance of the procedure by the liability insurer of Element Christian Church and the insurer's agreement to honor any mediation, conciliation, or arbitration award up to any applicable policy limits.

I have thoroughly read this Redemption Group Consent and agree to the foregoing policies regarding biblical counseling provided at Element Christian Church. I hereby release and hold harmless Element Christian Church, its elders, directors, officers, employees, and volunteers, and the Redemption Group leaders or supervisors who provide services to me, from any and all liability, claims, and/or expenses related to or arising from any pastoral care or biblical counseling received or not received.

Signature

Date

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Someone will follow up with you soon.

Questions?

Contact redemption@ouelement.org

