

# How Does It Work?

## **What is Harvest Counseling Ministry?**

Our counselors are trained to lead you to Scripture that deals directly with the issues you are facing. We want to show you where the Bible says you are, where the Bible says you should be, and most importantly how to get there. • Our biblical counselors have received formal training through our church in biblical counseling.

## **Are counseling sessions kept confidential?**

The counselors at the Harvest Counseling Ministry will not release any information about particular participants, except in a few situations where required by the Bible or the laws of our province. These situations are: 1. When someone is in physical danger of being harmed. 2. When a child is physically or sexually abused. 3. When someone refuses to stop a sinful pattern and it becomes necessary to seek assistance from his/her church to encourage proper change (see Matthew 18:15-20 and Romans 13:1-7).

## **What are the fees at The Harvest Counseling Ministry?**

Currently there is no charge for this ministry. Our counselors are made up of pastoral staff and lay people committed to positive change in people's lives and this assistance is offered at no charge. • Small charges may be necessary for books and materials used in homework assignments. Sessions normally last approximately 1-1.5 hours.

## **What about missed appointments?**

Because our counselors volunteer their time to this ministry, it is important to be respectful of their families and their time. Participants are requested to cancel appointments at least 24 hours prior to the appointment. This gives others the opportunity to use that slot. • Only two missed appointments will be allowed before giving that allotted time to another participant.

## **What about my children?**

No child care is provided. Only those who are in the counseling process are allowed in the waiting area of the counseling office. Children 16 years old or younger assigned to counseling must be accompanied to counseling by one or both parents (or a guardian) who must be present in the counseling office during the duration of the child's counseling.