

## **Advocate Application and Commitments**

An Advocate serves to support the person in need as they are learning to see God at work in their concerns, problems, pain, etc. Because transformational change happens in the community of believers, you play a vital part in helping and encouraging another in making lasting godly change for the glory of God.

### **The Vital Role of an Advocate**

It's a privilege to be an advocate and stand in the gap for someone during their time of need. (Prov. 17:17)

One does not need extensive counseling training or schooling to be an advocate. (2 Cor. 1:3-5)

Mutual ministry encourages growth in everyone involved. (Heb. 3:12-13)

It's God's design to counsel in community. (Gal. 6:1-2)

### **Advocate Requirements:**

Love God (Matt. 22:37-40)

Love the Counselee (Matt. 22:37-40)

Firmly believe in the sufficiency of God's Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

Be available and faithful (Prov. 17:17)

### **Advocate Responsibilities:**

Offer intercessory prayer (Rom. 12:11-12, Jer. 33:3)

Provide insight, perspective and mutual communication with the counselor (Prov. 18:17)

Be a witness and an encourager to what God is doing in the counselee's life (Mark 2:1-12)

Help the counselee apply what they are learning in-between sessions (Gal. 6:1-2)

Become a bridge for the counselee to get connected back into community (Heb. 3:12-13)

Decrease loneliness and isolation of the counselee (Prov. 18:1, Heb. 10:24-25)

Stand as an ambassador for Biblical Counseling (2 Cor. 1:3-5 and 5:14-21)

## Benefits of Advocacy in Counseling

Benefits to the Counselee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hope from a committed friend who is willing to walk through the experience with them</li> <li>• Continuity of counseling and help on the home front</li> <li>• Help communicating greater context, to bring to remembrance key issues and/or remind them of truth gained while in counseling</li> <li>• Freedom to be attentive without the need to capture every detail with a friend there taking notes.</li> </ul>
Benefits to the Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeper insight into the life of the person they love</li> <li>• Weekly direction for conversation and accountability</li> <li>• An opportunity to ask questions and receive insight into helping the person they love</li> <li>• An opportunity to fulfill the law of Christ</li> <li>• A practical way to apply the one-anothers of Scripture</li> <li>• An opportunity for further training/equipping</li> <li>• Personal growth in closing the gaps between knowing Scripture and living it</li> </ul>
Benefits to the Counselor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another perspective into life of the counselee</li> <li>• Built-in accountability for homework and application</li> <li>• Assistance in validating or clarifying insights in the life of the counselee and his community</li> <li>• Natural tie-back into the regular flow of discipleship at Summit Point</li> </ul>
Benefits to the Local Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A person is trained to support a body member in a short period of time.</li> <li>• Creates a support network for Pastors and ministry leaders, allowing them to focus on shepherding the entire flock</li> <li>• built-in accountability for the church's counseling ministry</li> <li>• Provides a testimony of love and commitment to one another and a watching world</li> <li>• Creates a culture of obedience to the 40+ one-anothers of Scripture.</li> </ul>

**1. Personal Info:**

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. DOB: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Gender: M    F

**2. Personal testimony** Please write it out on the backside of this application

**3. How long have you been attending Summit Point Church?** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Are you a member?** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Who is your Impact Group Leader?** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. List previous Biblical Counseling training** (this is not a requirement)

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**7. Average number of hours available per week** \_\_\_\_\_

(Although preferred, advocates are not required to be at every session.)

**8. Why would you like to be an advocate for the Biblical Counseling Ministry?**

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_