

BETHEL SOZO MINISTRY APPLICATION

Please print: _____ Date of application: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone (home or mobile): _____

Gender (male/female): _____ Email address: _____

Church attended: _____

Are you a leader? If so, please define: _____

Are you applying for a Sozo as a requirement for being part of your church ministry? YES/NO

If so, which area of ministry? _____

Have you received ministry from a Bethel Sozo team (US or UK)? YES/NO Approx. date? _____

Are you, or have you in the past, been ministered to by someone from City Church? YES/NO

With whom? _____ Last date of ministry: _____

Why would you like to receive a Sozo? _____

Who referred you to Bethel Sozo Ministry? _____

Would you be happy for us to feed back to the person who referred you? Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Do you attend a cell group or home group? Yes ___ No ___

If not, we strongly recommend you find one. We recommend that you share with someone you trust what happened during your Sozo, so that you will have someone to pray with and hold you accountable. (This person should not be someone who you consider to be your "best friend".)

Preparation

1. Will you be able to fast or pray one week before your Sozo? Yes ___ No ___

Ask the Lord what he wants you to fast. It can be one meal a day, or fasting watching TV.

2. Would you spend some time thinking over the enclosed Forgiveness Sheet. *(Please detach and keep the sheet.)*

**Please sign the "Liability release form" overleaf and return it with your application form to:
Bethel Sozo Worcester, City Church, Lindisfarne House, 4 Barbourne Terrace, Worcester WR1 3JS.**

If you wish to make a donation to support the ministry of the City Church Sozo team, this is entirely discretionary.

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM
BETHEL SOZO MINISTRY OF CITY CHURCH WORCESTER

City Church
Lindisfarne House
4 Barbourne Terrace
Worcester
WR1 3TS

I (name) _____ do hereby release the Bethel Sozo Ministry of City Church Worcester and its volunteers from any liability for any harm or perceived harm resulting from my voluntarily receiving of free prayer on this and subsequent visits. I understand that the Bethel Sozo Ministry of City Church Worcester is staffed by volunteers. They are not professionals in counselling, therapy or medical services. I undertake that if I am currently taking medication, or operating under the advice of a professional service, I will allow my medical doctor, therapist or counsellor etc. to confirm any results of prayer received before altering any prescribed course of medication or action.

I further state that I have voluntarily sought assistance at my own initiative and that I am under no obligation to accept or reject any of the advice or help that I might receive from the team members of this ministry. I understand that these team members are to the best of their ability doing what they can to help me achieve more freedom in my life.

I agree to release City Church Worcester from any and all liability, loss or damage of any kind that may arise as a result of assistance that I have received or from my involvement with City Church Worcester.

I understand that the people who will see my information will be City Church Worcester Sozo Leadership only. However, in certain circumstances City Church Worcester is legally bound to pass on information to the relevant authorities, if a person is at risk, or certain criminal acts are disclosed. For instance, the Children's Act 1989 obliges any confidential disclosures in respect of child abuse to be reported to the Social Services Department.

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

Signature _____

Date _____

Forgiveness – the key to freedom

During your upcoming Sozo, it is very important that you prepare your heart to forgive those who have wronged you.

Most people do not understand what forgiveness is –
And they have a hard time forgiving those
who have deeply wounded and hurt them.

They will say: *“Well, it wasn’t fair”... “It was not right”...
Or say: “How can I forgive? They do not deserve it”.*

If these responses sound familiar, and express how you feel, you should know that:

- Forgiveness does not mean that what they did to you was right
- Forgiveness does not mean that they “get off free”
- Forgiveness does not mean you give up all your rights

Unforgiveness

- Does not hurt the one who harmed you
- It hurts only you
- Binds you in a prison of torment
- Often causes you to have bitterness, hatred and anger
- Blocks the fullness of God in your life

Extending forgiveness does the following wonderful things:

- You get to step out of the way and let God have a direct line to that person
- It means you are relieved of the burden you have been carrying
- It frees you from a prison of torment
- It closes a door which allows the enemy to have access to you
- It allows you to say:
 - “I choose to give grace”
 - “I choose to let this person go into God’s hand s”
 - “I am not going to be their judge”

Take a few moments to reflect on the following scriptures:

Matthew 6:14-15

*“For if you forgive men when they sin against you,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
But if you do not forgive men their sins,
your Father will not forgive your sins.”*

Matthew 18:21-35

This is the story of the servant, who would not forgive.

After he was forgiven much ... the master tells him:

*“Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant,
just as I had on you?”*

*In anger his master turned him over to the
jailers (tormentors) to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.*

*This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you,
unless you forgive your brother from your heart.” (vv. 33-35)*

Luke 6:37

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged.

Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

Forgiveness is a command from the Lord.

**Because Jesus freely forgave us for all our sins,
we must also freely forgive.**

Forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling.

Forgiveness is vital to deliverance and freedom.

Bethel Sozo – Forgiveness, the Key to Freedom. July 2008