

## BETHEL SOZO MINISTRY APPLICATION

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If you complete these forms electronically, please save them before emailing. Otherwise they will be blank when we receive them!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home or mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address (please write clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Church attended (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a leader? If so, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for a Sozo as a requirement of your church ministry? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which area of ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had a Sozo before? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been ministered to by someone from City Church? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

With whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last 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: \_\_\_\_\_

We recommend that you share with someone you trust what happened during your Sozo, so that you will have someone to pray with you and hold you accountable.

### Preparation

1. Will you be able to pray and/or fast during the week before your Sozo? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ask the Lord to guide you.*

2. Please 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, or by email to [sozo@citychurchworc.org](mailto:sozo@citychurchworc.org).**

For the value of time spent ministering to you there is a suggested donation of £20 to £35. WHY? Well, any donation funds future Sozo ministry but more importantly, you are making a practical investment in your wholeness and wellbeing. If you cannot afford this amount, please give what you feel able.

**Please send your donation with this application: cheques payable to 'City Church, Worcester'**

**LIABILITY RELEASE FORM  
BETHEL SOZO MINISTRY OF CITY CHURCH,  
WORCESTER**

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City Church  
Lindisfarne House  
4 Barbourne Terrace  
Worcester  
WR1 3TS

I (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_ 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, UK statutory guidance relating to the safeguarding of children obliges any confidential disclosure in respect of child abuse to be reported to the Social Services Department<sup>1</sup>.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> See, in particular, the document 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018' (DFE-00195-2018). This document can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>.



## FORGIVENESS – THE KEY TO FREEDOM

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**During your forthcoming 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:

‘How can I forgive? They do not deserve it’.

If these responses sound familiar, and express how you feel, you should know how forgiveness and unforgiveness can affect you.

### **Forgiveness does not mean that:**

- What they did to you was right;
- They ‘get off scot-free’; or
- You give up all your rights.

### **Unforgiveness:**

- Does not hurt the one who harmed you;
- Hurts only you;
- Binds you in a prison of torment;
- Often causes you to have bitterness, hatred and anger; and
- 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 hands', and
  - '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.'

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.**