



DivorceCare Participant Information Form

This form must be completed and returned prior to or by end of first session..
Return to **Darren Custer** by email at **PastorDarrenCSCC@outlook.com** or
mail to **Cool Spring Community Church** 1902 Mocksville Highway
Cleveland, NC 27103.

The registration fee is \$0.00 per individual. You have enough going on, we are here to help!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

In case of an emergency, please contact the following person:

Name _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

How did you find out about DivorceCare? _____

What church do you attend? _____

Are you a member of that church? Yes No

Pastor's Name _____ Church's Phone # _____

Current Marital Status: Separated Divorced Remarried Single
Date Separated _____ Date Divorced _____ Date Remarried _____

What are some of your biggest obstacles, concerns, or perceived needs?

Is there anything more about your situation you would like to share? _____

I understand confidentiality is mandatory in my support group and that anything said in the group is to stay in the group. I understand **DivorceCare** is not counseling, but a peer support group led by volunteers. I also understand the volunteers and/ or leaders of this program have an obligation to report any disclosure of intent to harm oneself or others to the pastors at **Cool Spring Community Church**, my church or to any other appropriate agency.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Group Member Agreement

1. PLEASE PLACE YOUR CELL PHONE ON DISCREET.
2. Confidentiality – anything that is said in the group stays in the group. NEVER share anything you have heard in class with anyone anywhere.
3. Group member will never be forced to talk, but is encouraged to do so.
4. Group member agrees to allow plenty of time for others to speak, be considerate, be accepting, share experiences and do not give advice. You may “pass” when it’s your turn to speak, but you will heal more if you share.
5. Speak for YOURSELF only and do not cross talk; respect others’ opinions. DO NOT judge or correct others. Everyone is at a different place on his or her separation /divorce healing journey.
6. Group member understands he or she is free to ask questions and to express feelings, thoughts, concerns, anger, fears and successes.
7. Don’t compare your separation/ divorce to others. Each participant’s situation is unique (like your thumbprint).
8. Facilitators have the right to remove any person from the group who has misrepresented him or herself (a dater, group hopper or a person who has never experienced a separation or divorce).
9. Group member acknowledges and understands that the facilitators of DivorceCare are not college-degreed counselors, psychiatrists or psychologists.
10. Group size will depend on attendance and number of facilitators that are available. Please be flexible.
11. Do your DivorceCare work by coming to your support group, using your participant workbook, journaling and most of all talking about separation/divorce issues.
12. Please call your DivorceCare small group facilitator (s) if you cannot make it to your group.
13. There is a “NO dating policy” while attending DivorceCare. Your focus needs to be on your recovery, NOT on replacement.
14. For your safety and others, we encourage you not to walk to your vehicles alone after group.
15. Make a commitment to the process. Please ATTEND every session in the thirteen-week series. You may also find it necessary to attend two or three full sessions before you are ready to move on.
16. Group member understands this is a biblical and Christ-centered divorce recovery program and that separation and divorce will be looked at through the lens of the Bible.

AGREEMENT: “I agree that I will abide by these group guidelines. I realize the importance to respect these guidelines at all times.”

Signature _____ Date _____

Cool Spring Community Church

Confidentiality Policy

As Church leaders (pastors, elders, staff, ministry leaders, and small group leaders), we welcome and encourage people to come to us with spiritual, emotional, and relational struggles. We want you to know that we will treat your struggles with caring and respect, and we will hold in confidence our discussions. However, the promise of confidentiality has limits that you should be aware of from the outset of any conversation.

Legally and ethically, we may breach our confidentiality with you if we learn that: (1) you pose a threat to yourself or others, or (2) there is sexual or physical abuse of a minor or a vulnerable adult (physically or mentally handicapped, or an elderly person) involved. Conscientiously, we may also feel a responsibility to coordinate with other pastors or staff members as we deem appropriate in order to provide you with the best level of care possible. While we will only disclose the details you have shared with us if it is in the best interest of you and/or Cool Spring Community Church to do so, please be advised that we cannot promise absolute confidentiality.

Please understand that, while we will never gossip or speak lightly of any member, we may feel a responsibility to do the following when hurting people come to us for help:

1. We may ask fellow staff/ministry leaders for their advice and counsel.
2. When other people at this church are involved (e.g., when relationships are broken, when there is anger or disappointment, when gossip is involved), we may approach those other people in an effort to get both sides of the story and to foster reconciliation.

We don't want the fear of exposure to keep you from approaching one of us. But, neither do we want the promise of absolute confidentiality to tie our hands in offering you our best help. If you have something that cannot be shared with anyone else in the church, let us help you find a Christian professional counselor who can honor your request for confidentiality. But if you can honor us with your struggle, know that we will work with you – discreetly and carefully – to provide the best help your church family has to offer.

Participant Signature

Date

Cool Spring Community Church Staff Member Signature

Date

This confidentiality policy was adapted from:

Christian Standard (March 9, 2008) <http://www.christianstandard.com/articledisplay.asp?id=844>