

QUESTIONS TO HELP SCREEN CULT INVOLVEMENT

Over the last year:

What churches have they attended?

What organizations have they belonged to?

What seminars have they attended?

How did they find this church or organization and decide to join?

Were they approached by an acquaintance, friend, or family member about this church/organization?

During their involvement did they ever feel uncomfortable, coerced or exploited?

Was there consistent pressure to increase their participation in or commitment to the group?

How much time on a weekly basis did they spend in church activities, or attending seminars for this organization?

Has anyone ever suggested that this organization was a cult?

Was contact with their family and friends encouraged or discouraged?

Did the organization ever instruct them about how they are not a cult?

How long were they involved in this organization?

Did they rise to a position of leadership?

Do they have contact with anyone who continues to belong to this church/organization?

Is anyone in their family still involved in this organization?

Why did they leave the group?

How did they leave the group?

Does leaving the group mean that they have failed in some way?

Do they feel guilty or shameful about leaving this church or organization?

Do you feel guilty or embarrassed about being involved with this church or organization?

How have they dealt with it?

What emotional support have they received?

Do they have any understanding of thought reform techniques/mind control?