

Church Leadership Training Program Modules Topics

Module 1 – Biblical Counseling: What Is It?

Defining a Biblical sufficiency-based model of personal ministry and the nature of personal spiritual growth

Topics:

- A Brief Introduction to the Training Program
- Biblical Counseling in Historical Context
- Why Counsel – or Do Anything Else for God?
- Testimony: How Training in Biblical Counseling Has Changed the Life, Family, and Ministry of One Man
- Basic Questions and Answers About Biblical Counseling
- What Makes Biblical Counseling Biblical?
- The Doctrine of Spiritual Growth (Progressive Sanctification)
- A Biblical View of Self
- How People Change: An Overview
- A Biblical Description of Heat
- A Biblical Description of Thorns
- A Biblical Description of the Cross
- A Biblical Description of Fruit
- The Sinful Heart and Some of the Resulting Consequences of Idolatry-Driven Sin
- The Transformed Heart and Some of the Resulting Blessings of Worship-Motivated Obedience
- Instructions and Evaluation
- Where Do We Go From Here? (including Projects for Growth)

Module 2 – Biblical Counseling: How Do You Do It?

Teaching the process and procedures of Biblical counseling

Topics:

- A Quick Review of Some Things You Should Know
- Personal Growth Testimonies
- A Counseling Process Model
- Key Element 1: Build the Relationship
- Practicing Key Element 1: A Case Study
- Key Element 2: Get the Facts
- Practicing Key Element 2: A Case Study
- Key Element 3: Generate Biblical Hope
- Key Element 4: Define the Problem
- Practicing Key Elements 3 & 4: A Case Study
- Key Element 5: Teach the Truth
- Key Element 6: Provide Some Accountability
- Practicing Key Elements 5 & 6: A Case Study
- Key Element 7: Plan Your Ministry
- Putting It All Together: A Case Study
- Counseling Procedures: Who Should You Counsel?
- When and Where Should You Counsel?
- Managing the Meetings from Beginning to End
- Question and Answer Session
- Where Do We Go From Here? (including Evaluation and Projects for Growth)

Module 3 – Biblical Counseling: How Do You Do It More Effectively?

Learning to address common counseling issues from God's perspective

Topics:

- Another Quick Review of Some Things You Should Already Know
- Counseling Testimonies
- Introduction: The Big Picture – Learning How to Avoid the Biggest Mistake Biblical Counselors Make

There are a nearly endless number of so-called counseling “issues.” Those listed below are merely a sampling of some of those topics that have been covered in some of our programs. The topics to be covered in a specific location are determined by the national/regional partner(s) in collaboration with the OIC team serving that nation/region.

Issues Related to Marriage and Family:

- How to Choose God's Perfect Mate for Life
- Understanding Biblical Forgiveness: An Essential Element in Marriage and in All the Rest of Life
- Some Biblical Purposes for Marriage
- Principles for Biblical Communication in Marriage (and Other Places)
- God's Perspective on Sexual Responsibilities in Marriage
- Basic Principles of Parenting
- Administering Loving Correction That Trains the Heart
- Helping Adolescents and Teens Make Wise Decisions

Issues Related to the Emotions:

- A Biblical View of Anger
- Helping Those Struggling with Depression
- How Can You Help the Fearful Believer?
- Ministering to an Anxious or Worried Christian

Issues Related to Relationships:

- Understanding and Conquering the Fear of Man
- Living in Joyful Submission to Imperfect Leadership
- A Biblical Model of Peacekeeping

Other Issues:

- Purity in a Perverse World
- A Biblical Perspective on Spiritual Warfare
- A Paradigm for Biblical Decision-Making
- Counseling Believers in Critical and/or Traumatic Situations
- Counseling Those in Sexual Sin
- Counseling the Suffering
- Soul Care for Discouraged Servants

Module 4 – Biblical Counseling: How Do You Share It?

Developing a local church Biblical counseling and training center

Topics:

- A Final Review of Some Things You Should Already Know

Part One – Preparing the Soil: Developing a Corporate Culture for Personal Discipleship

- Three Foundational Considerations
- How Does A Church Change Its Corporate Culture?
- Three Characteristics of a Disciple-Making Church
- Leadership That Produces Disciples

Part Two – Planting and Growing the Seedling: Selecting and Equipping Counselors Within and For the Local Church

- Who? Identifying and Confirming Future Soul Care Providers
- What? The Essential Elements in a Training Program
- Responding to Requests for Counseling from Non-Members

Part Three – Managing the Harvest: Establishing a Counseling and Training Center

- Why or Why Not? Good and Bad Reasons to Launch a Training Center for the Community and Other Churches
- Churches Helping Churches: Building Relationships of Trust in the Christian Community
- How Much? To Charge or Not to Charge?
- Let's Do It Together: A "Shared" Counseling Ministry Model
- Evaluation and Testimonials
- Ten Reasons I Still Love the Church!
- Where Do We You Go From Here?