



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
- Why Counsel – or Do Anything Else for God?
- Basic Questions & Answers About Biblical Counseling
- The Definition of Biblical Counseling
- What Makes Biblical Counseling Biblical?
- The Doctrine of Spiritual Growth (Progressive Sanctification)
- A Biblical View of Self
- How People Change: An Overview
- Counseling Lay of the Land (Comparison of Counseling Philosophies) [optional, depending on location needs]
- A Biblical Description of Heat
- A Biblical Description of Thorns
- A Biblical Description of the Cross
- A Biblical Description of Fruit
- The Sinful Heart
- The Transformed Heart
- 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
- Introduction to the Biblical Counseling Process Models
- 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: Provide Biblical Hope
- Key Element 4: Define the Problem Biblically
- 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
- Determining Who, When, and Where to Counsel
- Managing the Meetings from Beginning to End: The First Meeting
- Managing the Meetings from Beginning to End: The Subsequent Meetings
- Where Do We Go From Here? (including 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?
- Biblical View of Fear and Worry

Issues Related to Relationships:

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

Other Issues:

- Guilt and Repentance
- 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
- A Biblical Approach to Addictions

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
- The Importance of Church Leadership for Supporting the Care and Discipleship Efforts of the Church
- Churches Helping Churches: Building Relationships of Trust in the Christian Community
- Let's Do It Together: A "Shared" Counseling Ministry Model
- Evaluation and Testimonials
- Ten Reasons I Still Love the Church!
- Where Do We Go From Here?

Women's Module 4 Topics (designed to run concurrently with topics from Parts Two and Three)

- Women and Theology
- Models and Logistics
- Identifying and Developing the Leaders
- Counseling Triage
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Emotions vs Faith: Rules by God
- The Importance of Biblically Informed Thinking