

Birmingham Theological Seminary
2200 Briarwood Way
Birmingham, Alabama 35243

Spring 2010 Counseling in the Local Church 2
(BC7755)

Professor: Dr. Larry Dozier

Class Hours: 2

COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to lay down the foundation for the process of becoming a biblical counselor. The adult learner will develop this foundation by looking at an overview of the basic principles of biblical counseling and completing a practical project through which he/she will examine the functionality of these biblical principles in his/her own life.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The adult learner will be able to define Biblical Counseling.
2. The adult learner will be able to delineate the basic principles and differentiate biblical counseling from psychological counseling.
3. The adult learner will develop a grasp of the 52 most important biblical constructs for conducting biblical counseling.
4. The adult learner will be able to articulate a basic biblical theology that provides the framework for the methodology of biblical counseling.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

Curing the Heart by Howard Eyrich and Bill Hines ISBN: 1-85792-722-2

Critical Stages of Biblical Counseling by Jay Adams ISBN: 1-889032-30-1

Three to Get Ready: A Premarital Counseling Manual by Howard Eyrich

Recommended Texts: Disciplines for life, part of the Pursuit of Godliness series from Sovereign Grace Ministries.

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

Note: All paper must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Reading assignments per each lesson in syllabus. (Due on a weekly basis)
2. Complete Study Guide for *Curing the Heart* before mid-term
3. Mid-term over *Curing the Heart*
4. Final exam over *Critical Stages of Biblical Counseling*
5. Completion of the *A Look at Me through the Eyes of the Bible* project. Testimony sheet due on the last day of class. (THIS ASSIGNMENT IS REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS)

COURSE GRADING

1. Mid-term 25%
2. Completion of Study Guide for *Curing the Heart* 15%
3. Class participation 25%
4. Memorization 10%
5. Final Exam 25%.
6. A Look at Me Project Pass/fail

READING ASSIGNMENTS AND LECTURES

January 25,2010

Introduction to the class
First video discussion

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February 1, 2010 *Curing the Heart* pp.1-78

Discussion of Involvement
Second video discussion

February 6, 2010

Curing the Heart pp.99-104
Critical Stages...pp. 5-16
Role Play

February 15, 2010

Curing the Heart pp.88-128
Critical Stage...pp.17-30
Memorize Romans 6:11-14
Application exercise

February 22, 2010

Curing the Heart pp.128-176
Critical Stages...pp.31-46
Memorize Romans 12:1-2 and 18-
Application exercise

March 1, 2010 *Critical Stages*...pp.47-64

Study Guide on *Curing the Heart* due
Application exercise

March 8, 2010

Critical Stages...pp.65-77
Mid Term exam
Application exercise

March 15, 2010

Critical Stages...pp.83-133
Introduction to Pre-Pare Test
Memorize Deut. 30:15-18

March 22, 2010

Critical Stages...pp.134-162
Three to Get Ready pp.29-69
Application exercise

March 29, 2010

Critical Stages...pp.167-228
Application exercises
Memorize Psalm 1:1-6

April 5, 2010 *Three to Get Ready* pp. 71-161

Premarital discussion

April 12, 2010

Application exercises

April 19, 2010

Application exercises

April 26, 2010

Application Exercises **May 3, 2010**

Final examine