

Biblical Counselor Development

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In order to develop counselors well, we need to understand our own calling as biblical counseling leaders. Then we can consider how to care for, train, and support our counselors. This task of counselor development is at the core of what we do.

1-Starting with us

A. Godly leadership

- Keeping the Lord at the center
- Self-awareness (1)
- Vision and action
- Curiosity and creativity (2)

B. The overwhelming nature of counseling leadership

- Spiritual battle (3)
- Personal investment, personal cost (4)
- Administration and supervision (5)
- The stress of multi-layered responsibilities

2-Developing counselors

A. Care: The importance of relationship

- Knowing and reflecting the heart of Jesus (6)
- Transparency and vulnerability
- Maintaining a team dynamic

B. Training

- Teaching and interaction
- Features (7)
- Practicalities

C. Support

- Administration
- Good communication

3-The big picture: How can we help one another?

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