

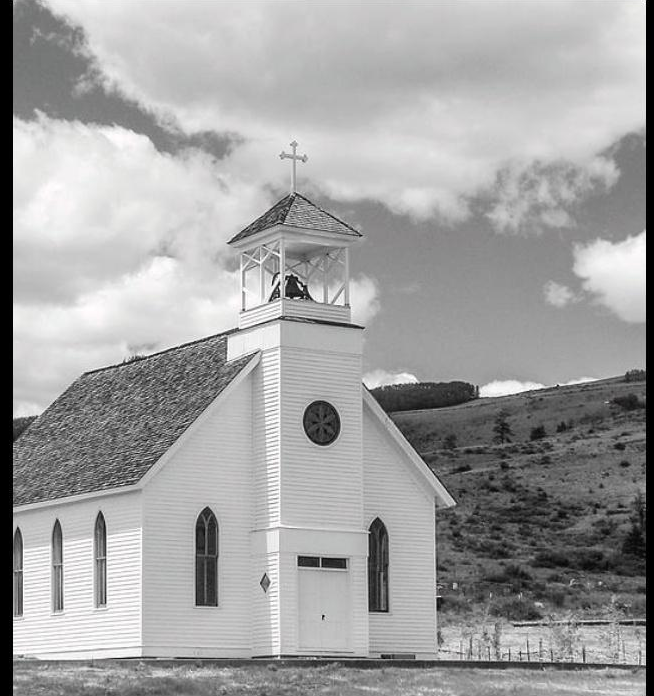


# **BIBLICAL COUNSELING AND THE CHURCH (The Need for Biblical Counseling)**

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Let the Bible shape everything your church does and how you counsel those God has placed in your path.

Biblical Counseling is more than counseling; we have the vision to see every Christian equipped to relate Christ's gospel of grace to people's lives, so we all mature in Christ: God's care through God's people.



# BIBLICAL COUNSELING AND THE CHURCH

## **Teachers as Equippers**

Leaders equip believers not only through sermons but through ongoing investment in spiritual growth. As stewards of God's truth, they shape disciples to stand firm in faith.

## **Members Eager to Grow**

Church members are not passive. They hunger for growth, eagerly learning and applying God's Word out of love for Christ.



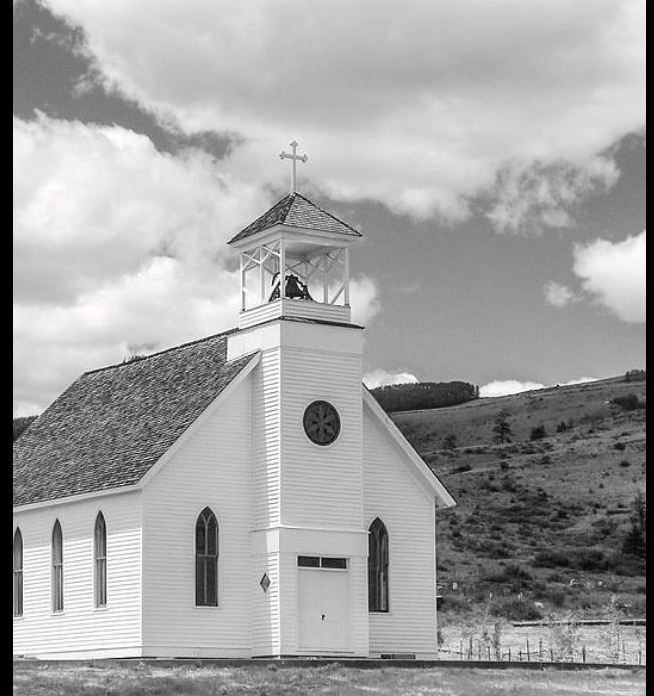


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## **Building Up the Body of Christ**

The church thrives through mutual support, encouragement, and love, each member contributing to the growth and unity of the body.

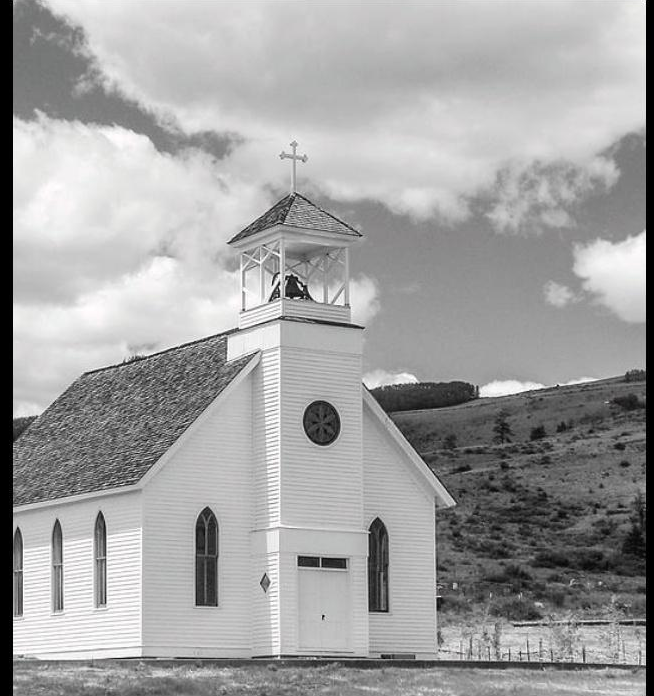
**Mature Believer:** Maturity means reflecting Christ in speech, conduct, and endurance. It is Spirit-shaped, Word-sharpened, and lived with humility and faithfulness.



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**Valuing Sound Doctrine:** The community treasures Scripture, immersing themselves in truth that fosters discernment, wisdom, and steadfastness.

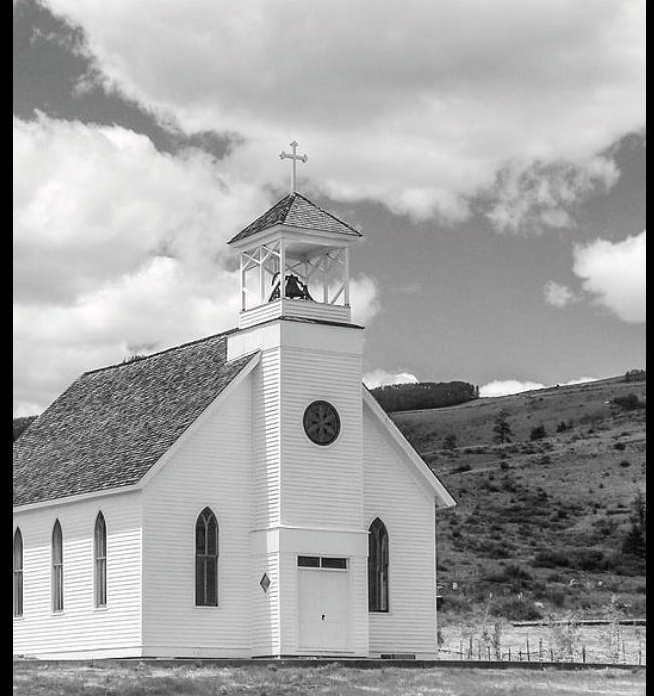
**Authentic Communication:** Relationships flourish with honesty, encouragement, and shared struggles, creating a safe place for spiritual growth.



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**The Underlying Message is Clear:** God's way works. When the church functions according to His design, with a passion for Scripture, love for one another, and a commitment to spiritual growth, it becomes a vibrant community where lives are transformed.

This approach to church life, grounded in biblical counseling principles, promotes a healthy and thriving spiritual family that honors God.



# For Pastors and Leaders

**Shepherding God's Flock:** A pastor is called to more than leading; he must live among his people, walking with them in struggles and joys, and offering steady counsel and presence beyond the pulpit.

**Avoiding the Lust for Power:** Ministry brings temptations, especially the misuse of authority. True greatness comes not from control but from serving, following Christ's model of servant leadership.





# For Pastors and Leaders

**Living a Christ-like, Humble Life:** Humility marks faithful ministry. Pastors mirror Christ by making selfless decisions, showing grace, and prioritizing the spiritual good of the flock.

**Being an Exemplary Leader:** Leaders model integrity, honesty, kindness, and patience in both public and private life, reflecting the character of Christ.





# For Pastors and Leaders

**Continual Self-Examination:** Regular prayer, reflection, and accountability safeguard a leader's heart and keep motives aligned with God's Word.

**Deep Commitment to the Word:** Scripture must remain the authority in teaching, counseling, and personal life, equipping pastors to guide faithfully.



# For Pastors and Leaders

**Emphasizing Relationships:** Ministry requires genuine relationships. Pastors must be approachable and invested in knowing and caring for their people personally.

**Practicing Compassion:** True shepherding reflects Christ's compassion—walking with people through grief and joy, offering comfort and sharing burdens.



# For Pastors and Leaders

Shepherding requires humility, vigilance, deep commitment to Scripture, and love for God's people. The pastor's role is service to God and His flock with a pure and faithful heart.



# Soul Care in the Church

## The Rise of Humanistic Thinking and Its Impact

Humanism influenced cultural values and everyday life, shaping how people approached problems.

The authority of Scripture in addressing personal struggles was dismissed in favor of secular ideas.

By the early twentieth century, pastoral care was no longer viewed as the primary source of counsel





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The care of souls involves intentional, intensive discipleship.

Since we are discussing the sufficiency of scripture and following what the bible says, did Jesus sit in formal settings with those he ministered to? Or did he do life with them?



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Churches need to train their people to ask the right questions and get to know folks well enough to help them.

Invite others into the room who know the counselee well, people we refer to as "advocates." These individuals walk alongside and encourage the person in the formal counseling process.

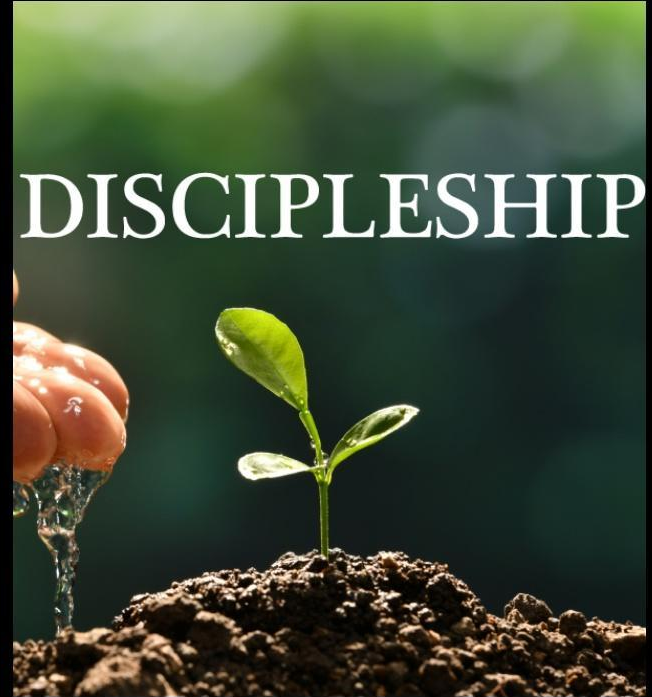




# Biblical Counseling & Discipleship

**Fulfilling the Great Commission** Jesus commanded His disciples in Matthew 28:19–20 to make disciples, baptize, and teach all He had commanded. Teaching remains central to discipleship, shaping new believers to grow in faith and obedience.

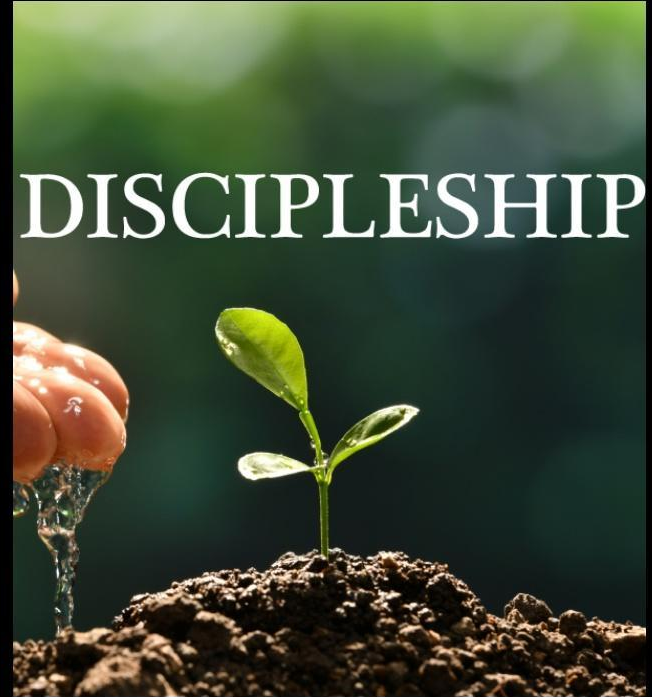
**Transference of Truth** Teaching safeguards the passing of biblical truth from one generation to another. It anchors the church in God's timeless Word and keeps the faith vibrant and lived out across ages.



# Biblical Counseling & Discipleship

**Unifying Public and Private Ministry :** The church thrives when public preaching and private discipleship work together. From pulpit to personal counsel, God's Word addresses both the community and the individual.

**Counseling as a Form of Teaching:** Biblical counseling instructs believers in applying God's Word to life's struggles. It is not only about problem-solving but also about spiritual renewal and strengthening faith.



# Biblical Counseling & Discipleship

**Building a Community of Learners** Teaching cultivates a church culture where every member learns and shares wisdom. Together, they embody Scripture in daily life, forming a community where truth is studied and lived.

**Conclusion** Teaching is woven into the church's identity and mission. Whether through sermons, small groups, or counseling, instruction in God's Word sustains the life and growth of Christ's body.

