

## *Equipping Counselors for Your Church*

### **Appendix 4.2**

#### **A Sample Discussion Guide: Discovering Our Biblical Counseling Mission**

##### **Discovering Our Biblical Counseling Mission**

- In groups of three or four, respond to these questions. Then we'll share as a larger group.
1. **According to Matthew 22:34-40 and Matthew 28:16-20, what is the end goal or mission of all life and ministry?**
  2. **According to Ephesians 4:11-16, what is our calling from God in the Body of Christ?**
  3. **According to Hebrews 3:7-16 and Hebrews 10:19-25, what is the purpose of the personal ministry of the Word—of our one another spiritual conversations?**
  4. **According to Ephesians 4:15; Philippians 1:9-11; and 1 Thessalonians 2:8, what is the relationship between truth and love in biblical counseling?**
  5. **According to Colossians 2:1-10; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; and 2 Peter 1:3-4; what is the nature and role of God's Word in biblical counseling?**

## **Discovering Our Biblical Counseling Mission (Continued)**

- 6. Compare and contrast 2 Corinthians 1:3-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; and 2 Timothy 2:24-26 regarding the “focus” of biblical counseling—what different types of life situations and struggles does it address?**
- 7. According to Romans 15:14 and Galatians 6:1-5, what are some of the qualifications and characteristics of a mature biblical counselor?**
- 8. Based upon your study so far:**
  - a. What preliminary definition of biblical counseling would you craft?**
  - b. What list of biblical counseling values would you develop?**
- 9. Finish the following sentence based upon the verses you’ve studied: *According to the Bible, the mission of a biblical counseling ministry is to...***
- 10. Looking at our church mission statement, how would you re-write your answer to question 9 so that it fully supports and advances the mission of our church?**