***Equipping Biblical Counselors***

**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 together 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?**

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**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 and in what ways?**

**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?**

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