***Equipping Biblical Counselors***

**Appendix 7.1**

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We commit to implementing best practice local church equipping

by following Christ’s disciple-making model of intentionally equipping the whole person: the heart (being—Christ-like *c*haracter), the head (knowing—biblical *c*ontent),

and the hands (doing—counseling *c*ompetence),

in the context of God’s home (loving­—Christian *c*ommunity) (Romans 15:14).

**1. Christlike Character: “Full of Goodness”—Heart/Being**

Spiritual Goal: Love—Equipped to Be (Enriching the Heart to Manifest Godly Love)

* Christlike Love
* A Soft Heart for Godliness: Spiritual Fruitfulness
* Spiritual Formation: Spiritual Maturity through Intimacy with Christ

 Since personal maturity is the foundation for powerful spiritual ministry, Christlike disciple-makers must be enriched to be “full of goodness”—to love more like Jesus (*reflecting*Christ).

**2. Biblical Content/Conviction: “Complete in Knowledge”—Head/Knowing**

Educational Goal: Truth—Equipped to Know (Educating the Head to Apply God’s Truth)

* Christlike Thinking
* A Sharp Mind for Biblical Truth: Biblical Wisdom
* Spiritual Foundation: Changing Lives with Christ’s Changeless Truth

Since powerful ministry requires biblical wisdom, Christlike disciple-makers must be educated to know and apply God’s Word deeply (“complete in knowledge”)—to think more like Jesus (*renewed*in Christ).

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**3. Counseling Competence: “Competent to Instruct One Another”—Hands/Doing**

Ministry Goal: Service—Equipped to Do (Empowering the Hands to Serve God’s People)

* Christlike Ministry
* Serving Hands That Impact Lives: Relational Skillfulness
* Spiritual Friendship: Relating God’s Truth to Human Relationships

 Since relational ministry requires relating Christ’s grace to human hurts, Christlike disciple-makers must be empowered to skillfully do (“competent to instruct”)—to serve more like Jesus (*reproducing* Christ in others).

**4. Christian Community: “Brothers/One Another”—Home/Loving**

Relational Goal: Connecting—Equipped to Connect (Encouraging God’s House to Become a Home)

* Christlike Relationships
* A Sensitive Home That Connects People: Biblical Community
* Spiritual Fellowship: Relational Maturity through Intimacy with Christians

 Since effective ministry requires Christian community, Christlike disciple-makers must be equipped to encourage the Christian community to address meaningfully the needs of people in the great tradition of soul care and spiritual direction where discipleship, counseling, and Christian community are united (“brothers”)—to build community in Jesus (*reconnected*through Christ).

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