



5 THINGS YOUR CHURCH NEEDS

TO LAUNCH AN EFFECTIVE
BIBLICAL COUNSELING TEAM

Care!

The most powerful motivation in counseling is not expertise, but love. People are motivated to change through a shepherd or friend who loves them. Tragically, many churches have taken the position that difficult problems require care outside the church. Are you committed to caring for your sheep, no matter what struggle they are facing?

Train Your Team

A biblical counseling ministry must train leaders effectively if they are to become an effective team. A training process that equips your leaders to understand and apply God's truth to the struggles of everyday life is crucial to the success of an effective ministry. However, no one counselor can do it all! You need a diverse team equipped to use their background and stories to impact others by the comfort with which they were comforted.

Strategize Where to Start

No counseling ministry will be ready on Day One to handle everything that comes your way. It's not that God's Word doesn't have answers, but that we recognize life in a fallen world is often complicated and difficult. Walking with strugglers takes a team. Team Leaders learn to effectively use their own people to minister according to their passions and experience.

Resource Your People

Does your team have a place they can turn for resources that are biblically solid, practically implemented and consistent in quality? When a counseling team member runs into questions, do they have a place to turn for reliable answers? Do you have a plan for your team to continue to grow in their skills and knowledge as a counselor? Leaders are learners, and counselors need to be learning so they can lead others well. Invest in resources that are available to your people.

Partner With Others

Effective counseling ministries have to answer questions about liability, scheduling, training, insurance, intake forms and interpersonal ethics. These questions can vary based upon location and setting. It is wise to have samples, resources and a phone number of someone who can help you. There is no need to reinvent the wheel as you develop a counseling ministry; know your options. BCC has developed training partnerships where we serve churches over enough time so they are established well and have someone who can help as questions arise.



Are you wrestling with how to develop a Biblical counseling team at your church? It can be an overwhelming task because it is a complicated ministry. Our LAUNCH partnerships are designed to bring flexible training, tested resources, and personal answers so that your LAUNCH will be successful the first time. We have worked with churches in more than 15 states and many countries. We have a plan and resources that can help you get started. Talk with someone today about whether Launch is right for you: go to <https://biblicalcounselingcenter.org/start-launch>.