

Recommended Resources on Counseling One Another:

- Proverbs 17:17; 20:5; 27:17
- John 13:34-35
- Acts 20:20, 31
- Romans 15:1, 13-14
- 1 Corinthians 4:14
- Galatians 6:1-2
- Colossians 1:28; 3:16
- 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8; 5:12, 14
- 2 Thessalonians 3:15
- James 5:19

- <https://www.faithlafayette.org/biblical-counseling-training-conference/videos>
- <http://www.faithlafayette.org/resources/info/heart-of-change/>
- <https://settingcaptivesfree.com/>

- Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands, Paul David Tripp
- Side by Side, Ed Welch
- Speaking Truth in Love, David Powlison

Growing Deeper: Life Group Questions

1. Compare Colossians 3:16 with Ephesians 5:18-19. What does it mean to walk in the Spirit? How could you better encourage others in your life group to walk in the Spirit?
2. Read Galatians 6:1-2. What is the most difficult part of these verses for you to faithfully practice, and why? How would our church practically change if our members were more committed to obeying this teaching?
3. Review Colossians 3:16, Acts 20:31, and Romans 15:14. What does it mean to admonish someone? Is this something you want others to do to you? Why or why not?
4. Our culture places counseling in a clinical context, while the Scriptures call every member to counsel one another in the church context. Our own pastor has said, "NCBC doesn't have a biblical counseling ministry – we ARE a biblical counseling ministry." Why is it so important for the church to reclaim the practice of counseling her own members from the authority of God's Word? How might biblical counseling be used evangelistically to help a church reach their community for Christ?
5. What did you learn from today's message? How is God calling you to change and grow for His greater glory and your greater joy? Share this with one another, and pray that God will continue to grow each of us in this practical expression of Spirit-produced love.