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Soul Care I: Components of Compassionate Soul Care
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SOUL CARE I: COMPONENTS OF COMPASSIONATE SOUL CARE

SYLLABUS

Course Description

This course gives a practical understanding of how to address the discipleship conversation in a meaningful way that creates a plan for life change while demonstrating love, compassion, wisdom, and biblical truth. Classroom time will include lecture, class discussion, role-play, video observation, group analysis, and more to provide practical application of the subject matter.

Course Requirements

In order to receive credit for this course, participants are required to complete all written assignments and finish 160 pages of the MacArthur reading.

Resources

MacArthur, John, and Wayne A. Mack. 2005. *Counseling: How to Counsel Biblically*. ISBN 978-1-4185-0005-4

The instructor will provide other resources required for homework.

Semester Outline

Week	Text:
Jan. 19 – Biblical Soul Care Introduction	pp. vii-30
Jan. 26 – Your Character and Biblical Change	pp. 51-97
Feb. 2 – Establishing Intimate Relationships	pp. 101-146
Feb. 9 – Getting to the Heart in Biblical Soul Care	pp. 147-175
Feb. 16 – Homework Design First Case Study	pp. 176-200

Feb. 23 – Medical and Psychological Issues

March 2 – **God's Design for Marriage**

March 9 – Communicating Biblical Sexuality

March 16 – Biblical Parenting

March 23 – Guilt, Repentance, and Forgiveness

March 30 – Biblical Overview of Emotions; Fear and Worry
Second Case Study

April 6 – Emotions: Anger and Depression
Third Case Study