



Training Unit Descriptions

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Having been involved in local church ministry since 1974 (as an intern, assistant pastor, evangelist, senior pastor, and ENW director) it has been my observation that there are some essential, non-negotiable theological issues that are clearly indispensable in the pursuit, establishment and maintenance of a thoroughly biblical ministry.

These are the topics that make up the training units of ENW.

Foundations for Biblical Ministry

1. What is the church to do?

What determines the mission of the church? How does the church know what is important and of a priority nature? Is evangelism the sum total of what the church is to pursue? If not, what else? What texts of scripture clearly reveal the church's mission?

2. Is the Bible all the church needs to pursue her mission?

Does psychology "fill in the gaps" left out of the Bible? Do we have a sufficient, and comprehensive book? Is the Bible relevant today for all of life and Godliness? Is the Bible really sufficient and useful to address all non-organic issues?

3. How is a believer to grow?

What is the believer's ultimate goal in life and how is he to pursue that goal? Are there erroneous views of how a believer is to grow? If so, what are they and how can they be avoided? The doctrine of progressive sanctification must be clearly understood.

4. How is the church to handle sin?

When offenses occur, what is a believer to do? Is church purity important to Jesus? If so, how does the church lovingly and firmly handle sin in the lives of her members?

5. Must believers be members of a local church?

Is church membership important? How should the church think about and act toward "professors" of Christ who refuse to be connected to His local body? Is church membership merely optional for God's people or is there solid biblical evidence that requires a believer to become assimilated into and held accountable by the local church?

UNIT ONE CURRICULUM

- The Mission of the Church
- The Doctrine of Biblical Sufficiency
- The Doctrine of Progressive Sanctification
- The Doctrine of Church Discipline
- The Doctrine of Church Membership

UNIT Foundations **2** for Biblical Counseling

This unit is designed to instruct the church in both the theology and practice of discipleship. Sometimes this discipleship is preventive and sometimes it is corrective. It is the private ministry of the word to and by the members of the church for the benefit of each other and the glory of God.

Biblical counseling/discipleship can be simply described as: Identifying needs in one another's lives, using the Word of God to address those needs by confrontation out of loving concern for the purpose of biblical change that pleases and brings glory to God.

All of us need help, counsel, encouragement, assistance, and/or admonition, (i.e. consider all the "one another" exhortations in the New Testament - - over 30 of them) from time to time. God has given us the responsibility and privilege of providing this help for each other (see Romans 15:14; Galatians 6:1 and James 5:19-20).

Believers are not saved to function independently and be disconnected from each other and the church. Believers are saved and assimilated into the local body; each believer needs what the body offers - - love, warmth, care, accountability, instruction, equipping, counsel, discipleship, etc.

This teaching unit lays out how the loving relationship between believers looks within the church and how each is to biblically "counsel-disciple" one another.

UNIT TWO CURRICULUM

- Establishing the Biblical Basis for Biblical Counseling
- Do We Need Theology in Counseling?
- Developing a Theological Model for Word Ministry and Biblical Living
- One Anothering One Another
- Key Elements in Counseling
- Presuppositions for Biblical Counseling
- Case Studies
- The Theology of Feelings
- Forgiveness God's Way
- Communicating the Bible Way

UNIT 3

Foundations for The Christian Family

No one will deny the importance of the family. Next to one's personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the family sits as the number one priority – established by God Himself (Genesis 2:18-25).

It is paramount, if one is to please God as a family member, to understand clearly and function practically in one's God-given role. This teaching unit provides detailed instruction regarding both the theology and the practice that grows out of that theology for pleasing God as a family member.

1. Is the relationship of the parent and child to take precedence over that of the husband and wife?

2. Are the parents of the newly married couple still to maintain authority over them?

3. Is the use of "the rod" old fashion, out dated or otherwise to be neglected because of "cultural/political correctness"?

4. What constitutes a "family"?

5. What establishes a couple as being "married"? Do they have to "consummate" their relationship with sex before they are an officially married couple?

UNIT THREE CURRICULUM

- The Basics of Marriage
- Simple Thoughts on the Home
- Conflict Resolution
- The Wife's Role – Submission, Respect
- The Husband's Role – Loving, Leading and Learning
- Biblical Principles of Sex
- Defining the Parental Role
- Admonishing and Nurturing Your Child
- The Manipulative Child
- The Bible, Teens and Sex
- Helping Your Child have a Heart for God

Foundations for Pastoral Preaching

There is no doubt that preaching is one of, if not the single most important responsibility of the shepherd. The weekly “feeding of the flock” is a privilege that demands training, preparation, understanding, time, giftedness, study skills, “aptness to teach”, to mention a few.

This unit equips the shepherd to study the Scriptures. It cautions against and provides many examples of the misuse of Scripture.

This unit also provides help in the planning, preparation, development, organization and presentation of sermons (the basic instruction can be helpful to anyone who ministers the Word publicly - - Sunday School teachers, Bible study leaders, etc.).

What is a pastor to preach? How does he plan ahead, choose the appropriate sections of Scripture, evaluate the needs of his flock (and address those needs pastorally from the appropriate portions of Scripture)?

What about “The Call”? What does that much used phrase mean? How does it happen and how do you know if and when it does? Does God still “call” men today? If so, how? If not, how does He engage gifted, qualified men in Biblical ministry?

What is the role of the church in the observation, evaluation, recognition, recommendation, preparation and authorization of gifted, qualified men? Does a statement such as “I’m called to preach” settle the issue of who should or shouldn’t be ordained to serve in official pastoral/local church leadership? This unit provides instruction in and equipping for the vital task of pastoral preaching.

UNIT FOUR CURRICULUM

- Hermeneutics – Principles of Bible Study
- Homiletics – Planning, Preparation, Development, Organization, and Presentation of Sermons
- Toward a Theological Examination of “The Call.” How God engages and authorizes men for ministry today

Foundations for Pastoral / Church Administration

Organizing, managing and administering the church can be a difficult task. But with an understanding of a few theological principles the task can be made simpler... and more enjoyable.

One of the pastor's biblical descriptions is "bishop". This means overseer. So the task of supervision/administration is part of the very make up of his role. Therefore it cannot be dismissed or delegated away.

Paul reminds the elders at Ephesus that being an "overseer" was crucial to being a biblical shepherd (Acts 20:28). He says "God made you an overseer."

This unit is designed to establish some foundational teaching regarding administration and provide some tools to help.

UNIT FIVE CURRICULUM

- Who I Am Determines What I Do (Pastor, Elder, Bishop)
- Biblical Goals and Priorities
- Time Management
- Flow Charts for Organization
 - Church Organization Flow Chart
 - "Three Component Mission" Ministry Evaluation
- Training Your People To Understand Pastoral Roles, Responsibilities and Priorities
- Leadership Detection, Development and Deployment
- The Office of Deacon
- The Christian Work Ethic
- Delegation
- Strategic Planning
- The Theology of Stewardship

Foundations for Knowing and Worshipping God

The title really says it all. This unit is intended to truly help one's understanding of and relationship with his God.

It is not just that we acquire more academic facts about God but that we realize God can and desires to be known and worshipped by His people.

And what constitutes true worship? Does worship only occur in the building on Sunday? Can worship take place away from the church, at home, at work, in a place of business, etc.? Who is truly qualified to offer worship?

Then, how does my growing understanding of God help me view and handle life in a more God-pleasing way? How does this growing relationship with the God of the universe "flesh itself out" in my day to day living (i.e. family, work, problem solving, conflict resolution, relationships, finances, personal trials, etc.)?

Foundations for knowing and worshipping God will provide theological and practical answers to these kinds of questions.

UNIT SIX CURRICULUM

- The Attributes of God
- Worship
 - What it is
 - Where it takes place
 - When it takes place
 - How to do it
 - Who can do it
- Applications of God's Attributes to Life and Ministry

Foundations for Continued Growth and Maturity

Unit one (which developed the doctrine of progressive sanctification) laid some foundations for Christian growth.

Unit two and three certainly dealt with many areas of personal growth as well as how to help others in that process.

This unit is, in one sense, more of the same yet it deals with often neglected areas of every Christian's life.

What is Christian love? How does it differ from what the world says are romantic motions often thought to be genuine love? How important is that distinction to the believer? Is love a feeling or not?

What about discernment? We would probably agree there is little of it in many churches. But what is it? Can it be acquired by the "average" Christian or is it some kind of special gift for a few? And if it can be acquired, how?

The will of God...now that is a crucial topic...if not controversial as well. What is God's will? Where is it "found"? How is it discovered? Can any and every believer be certain of God's will for his/her life?

What does God expect from every church member? Are His expectations "doable"? Can a responsibility also be a privilege at the same time?

These are a few of the questions and issues that unit seven will address.

UNIT SEVEN CURRICULUM

- Characteristics of Biblical Love
- Developing a Biblical Mind: The Doctrine of Discernment or *Learning to Think Like God*
- God's Will—Decision Making for the Christian
- 15 Privileges and Responsibilities of Every Church Member
- Premarital Counseling
- The Doctrine of Progressive Sanctification (Review)
- The Doctrine of Biblical Sufficiency (Review)
- The Doctrine of Church Discipline (Review)

Demonstrations of Expository Preaching

The foundation for both studying the scriptures and organizing the truths discovered into messages was the emphasis of Unit Four. The Suggested Preaching Style for delivering those messages was Expository...accurately and effectively saying, as a faithful Steward and Minister of the Word, what God has said. Holding oneself accountable to rightly divide, accurately teach and/or cut straight the text of Scripture.

The purpose of the pastoral preacher is to Proclaim for God, to His People, about their Lives, from the Bible with Authority.

There are essentially six foundational components that make up a basic expository sermon.

- The title
- The text
- The Purpose Statement
- The Introduction
- The Outline (more or less fully developed)
- The Conclusion

This Unit seeks to demonstrate that preaching style from three genres of biblical literature—Biblical History, Biblical Poetry & the Epistles.

During the preaching sessions there will be brief but intentional pauses to practically explain, and open up for class discussion, why the text is being developed as it is. Also, as part of the overall conference format, there will be workshops offered so the pastors can examine and reflect on the preaching texts more closely before hearing them developed in the preaching sessions.

Unit Eight Curriculum

- I Samuel 1:1-I Samuel 4:1a—Five Messages
- Proverbs 1:1-2:22—Four Messages
- Romans 1:18-3:20—Eight Messages

Foundations for Ministering to Youth

How desperately youth need the help of the church! The church needs to understand and effectively minister to her young people.

There is a whole world out there ready, willing and able to swallow them up. Pastors, elders, leaders, and parents must come to the rescue.

But what do youth need to hear? Where does a church begin? What topics are urgently needed?

Unit 9 is an attempt to address some of these concerns. Following are examples of the topics that make up this unit.

Unit Nine Curriculum

- Staying Pure in an Impure Culture
- The Bible, Teens, and Sex
- Before You Consider a Relationship
- Biblical Basics of Marriage
- Biblical Principles of Sex
- What in the World Is the World?
- Helping Those Who Struggle with Assurance
- Will You Love Your Wife?
- Will You Submit to Your Husband?
- What Is True Love?
- Those Who Lust for Approval
- Why Youth Need the Book of Proverbs
- Seven Admonitions for Youth from Proverbs
- Helping Your Teen Have a Heart for God

UNIT 10

Foundations for Advanced Biblical Counseling I

Unit Ten Curriculum

- Developing Good Communication
- Giving Reproof Wisely
- Receiving Reproof Well
- Pursuing a Biblical Conscience
- The Biblical Basis for Looking at Heart Idols
- Helping Angry People
- Helping People Who Worry
- Three Theological and Practical Principles for Dealing with Worry

UNIT 11

Foundations for Advanced Biblical Counseling II

Unit Eleven Curriculum

- Overcoming Evil with Good
- Developing a Theology of the Family
- The False Doctrine of the Carnal Christian
- Facing Temptation Biblically
- Breaking the Bondage of Sinful Habits
- How to Grow Old with Grace
- Which Church should I Join?
- Psalm 73—Correcting a Skewed World View
- The Scriptures are Useful

UNIT 12

Foundations for Biblical Leadership

Unit Twelve Curriculum

- Nehemiah: The Profile of a Godly Leader
- Battling Feminist Theology
- God's Kind of Leader at Home and Church
- Biblical Manhood and Womanhood
- Five Leadership Principles From I Samuel 14
- Effective Ministry Through Organization and Delegation
- Meeting Needs Without Neglecting Priorities
- Who I am Determines What I do
- Identifying Leadership Potential
- Deacon: Office of Service and Relief
- Pastors Train Pastors in the Context of Pastoral Ministry

UNIT 13

Foundations for Intentional Participation in Local Church Body Life

Unit Thirteen Curriculum

- The Local Church—Foundational Truths
- Components of Early Church Life
- Using Your Spiritual Gifts—An Overview
- Biblical Principles Concerning Money and Giving
- The Doctrine of Church Membership
- Men Strengthening Men
- Building and Maintaining Unity in the Assembly
- Why the Doctrine of Forgiveness is not Liked by Some
- The Consequences of Refusing to Forgive
- The Theology of a Discipleship Ministry
- God's People and Their Music
- Be a Good Learner
- How to Effectively Listen to Preaching

UNIT 14

Foundations for Dealing with “Social” Issues I

Unit Fourteen Curriculum

- How you Should Think and What you Should do About Your Past
- The Doctrine of Man (Anthropology)
- Everyone Needs Hope
- The Cultural Doctrine of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self-Image
- Conquering the Sin of Lust
- Help for Eating Disorders (Anorexia & Bulimia)
- Work, Retirement and Related Issues
- Biblical Help for the “Stressed Out” Person

UNIT 15

Foundations for Dealing with “Social” Issues II

Unit Fifteen Curriculum

- Replacing Sinful Pride with Christlike Humility
- Dethroning the “god” of Materialism
- Helping the Depressed person
- Overcoming Fear that Debilitates
- Dealing with Guilt Biblically
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Survey of Secular Counseling Philosophies
- Helping the Perfectionist

Foundations for Applying the Pastoral Epistles

Preparing the Next Generation of Shepherds by Restoring the Pauline Training Model

This work is designed as a mentoring tool for pastors. By inspired letters, the apostle Paul is personally mentoring two of his maturing pastoral disciples. Each of these two pastors, having been placed in local church situations, facing their own unique set of circumstances in two different cultural and geographical locations, is being coached in fulfilling his responsibilities by their concerned and compassionate mentor.

All pastors, particularly young pastors, need help in carrying out their God-given privilege of shepherding a flock of people.

Every church situation is a little different from the next. It is therefore very encouraging to know we have a book that fully and sufficiently (either by direct statements, principles and/or examples) addresses each scenario faced by any pastor and or church.

These three “pastoral epistles” provide young gifted, qualified men with the wisdom needed to function in the milieu of pastoral ministry.

May God honor your efforts as you commit the things you’ve learned to faithful capable men who will train and equip the next generation (II Timothy 2:2).

Unit Sixteen Curriculum

- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus

Foundations for Bible Doctrines I

As the title indicates, this “Two Unit” study (Parts I & II) will approach the essential doctrines of Scripture from a basic and foundational perspective. Specificity, simplicity, accuracy, clarity and practicality will be the guiding approach. The goal is not to get bogged down in academic weightiness, speculation or an over-emphasis on all possible views of certain doctrinal positions.

The great doctrines of the Bible can and must be understood simply and used practically for all of life and Godliness. Truth must be understood for the purpose of knowing & loving God as well as loving one’s neighbor. That two-fold focus requires a balance of belief and practice, understanding and use – faith and function.

Unit Seventeen Curriculum

- **Bibliology** – the doctrine of the Bible
- **Theology** – the doctrine of God
- **Christology** – the doctrine of Christ
- **Pneumatology** – the doctrine of the Spirit

BIBLIOLOGY – THE DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE

The doctrine of Bibliology is the basis for how people understand everything that the Bible teaches. To avoid error, God’s people must hold an authentic view of the Scriptures, knowing that they are God-breathed communication. No person can truly know God unless they believe the Scriptures. This study will emphasize the sufficiency, comprehensiveness, completeness and finality of God’s word to mankind in the 66 canonical books.

THEOLOGY PROPER – THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

What people believe about God is of utmost importance. If there is an unbiblical belief about God, one can become an idolater. Theology is the foundation for understanding God and proper worship of Him.

CHRISTOLOGY – THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

The person and work of Jesus Christ is the basis for the gospel and salvation. When studying the work of Jesus Christ, it is necessary that people understand His nature, pre-existence, and relationship to God. Failure to believe the Biblical teachings about Christ can result in idolatry and blasphemy. Jesus Christ is the Godhead member to Whom each believer will be conformed. Clarity is critical.

PNEUMATOLOGY – THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is likely the most neglected and misunderstood Person of the Godhead. One author stated: An old Puritan writer once said, “the Holy Spirit was the least known, least loved, and least worshiped member of the Trinity.” Sadly, the same condition seems to exist today. Such ignorance and indifference is a sin of the greatest magnitude because in it we ignore His position in the godhead as co-equal with the Father and the Son. We also, to a great extent, ignore His place in the great Plan of Redemption. Because of the general and global ignorance of the Holy Spirit, multitudes of movements spring up attributing all sorts of nonsense to the power of the Holy Spirit. The Scripture is clear about the purposes and ministries of the Holy Spirit. To believe and practice contrary is perilous to the believer and the church as a whole.

Unit Eighteen Curriculum

Anthropology – the doctrine of man

Hamartiology – the doctrine of sin

Soteriology – the doctrine of salvation

Ecclesiology – the doctrine of the church

Eschatology – the doctrine of last things

ANTHROPOLOGY – THE DOCTRINE OF MAN

A person's view of man significantly influences and colors his worldview. If a person believes man is basically and inherently good, it is clear his view has not been informed by Scripture and, in turn, will drive man further from truth rather than draw him to it. Genesis chapters one through three establishes the sinfulness, depravity, destitution and desperate condition of man; thus, showing man who he is before a holy God.

HAMARTIOLOGY – THE DOCTRINE OF SIN

A person's view of self must match the Biblical description of man if they are to understand their sad condition. That has everything to do with how sin is viewed. The Scripture presents sin as a transgression against God. If an individual does not understand his sinfully cursed and condemned status, he certainly will not look for a solution to his sinful condition nor an escape from sin's consequences.

SOTERIOLOGY – THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

This doctrine is the study of God's plan of redemption. Contrary to popular belief, there is only one way of salvation and only one Savior Who provides it; not many ways and/or many saviors. The doctrine of redemption must be understood and communicated accurately and clearly ... false beliefs do not lead to salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Sanctification (i.e. maturity and growth of the believer) is the necessary and consequential result of God's work in salvation. The process of sanctification can be a controversial topic. It is important to understand the Biblical teaching of God's work in sanctification.

ECCLESIOLOGY – THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

The church is the pillar and ground of the truth, and the bride of Christ. What happens in the church and how the church conducts herself is of great concern to the Head of the church. The church is under the authority of Christ. His word provides the boundaries for how the church functions and what the church is designed to accomplish on earth. How does one become a member and what are the privileges and responsibilities of the members? Who are the leaders, what are their duties and how are they to lead? These are but a few of the questions addressed in this discussion.

ESCHATOLOGY – THE DOCTRINE OF LAST THINGS

What about future events? What about things to come? The most important point of Eschatology is that Jesus Christ promised that He will come again. When Jesus comes, He begins to usher in an age of direct rule. Jesus Christ will rule and reign with His people on the earth. The world with all its inhabitants will have faced the judgment of God. Jesus Christ will be eternally glorified in the people He has redeemed.

Foundations

for Living from Psalm 119

Psalm 119 has to do with the Scriptures. Virtually every verse speaks of the Word of God using one of several different terms. These terms include law, testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, judgments, word, and ordinances. Each of these words describes something fresh about the Bible that the others do not.

Of what value does Psalm 119 hold for the believer?

First, as “Portable Truth.” As one reads, studies and understands Psalm 119, there will be much help to take into the paths of daily life.

Second, since every verse in one way or another points to the Scriptures, the importance of and the need for learning and living according to the Bible is brought forward by this Psalm. Particularized help is offered for the afflicted, suffering, sinning, persecuted, and puzzled Christian – just the stuff of which life is made.

Rather than falling prey to subjective hunches, feelings, inner promptings, or mystical sensations, the goal is for you to be committed to the Word of God for life and godliness. And, to be committed to the God of the Bible as your ultimate and only object of worship.

As you work your way through this study, you will encounter a real man with real challenges moving through life and all its various experiences – each time appealing to God’s Word for his help ... this is God’s goal for you.

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Charismatic Movement

Often the Holy Spirit is misunderstood in His historic role of transmitting God's revelation to man, His role in salvation and/or His teaching ministry and work of sanctification in the life of the growing believer. To summarize, the Holy Spirit is likely the least known and understood member of the Godhead; that is sad. Obviously, it can only be remedied by a focused study of His Person and work.

Because of considerable misunderstanding of Who He is and what He does, He is often misrepresented. For example, many in the Charismatic movement believe He is still revealing God's word via dreams, visions and/or words of knowledge. Thus, the emphasis is on personal experience, feelings and subjective urges rather than the objective truth of Scripture. The Holy Spirit is not an electrifying current of cosmic energy or a mind-numbing babbler of irrational speech.

Well known author and teacher, John MacArthur, said: It is a sad twist of irony that those who claim to be most focused on the Holy Spirit are in actuality the ones doing the most to abuse, grieve, insult, misrepresent, quench and dishonor Him. How do they do it? By attributing to Him words He did not say, deeds He did not do, phenomena He did not produce, and experiences that have nothing to do with Him.

In this unit, ENW's goal is to establish a solid theology of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit and evaluate how He is being misrepresented in the modern day Charismatic movement.

Unit Twenty Curriculum

- **The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit**
- **Charismatic Theology:** Evaluated in light of Scripture

Additional Training Options: Mini-Modules

ENW desires to provide a variety of options to the local church for equipping. For this reason, ENW offers the following Mini-Modules. Each is strategically designed and specifically formatted to focus on a particular area of Christian Living. Each Mini-Module is formatted for 7-10 hours of training.

Mini-Module One Teens and Youth

- The Bible Teens and Sex
- Before You Consider a Relationship
- Dealing with the Desire for Peer Approval
- Should I Consider Remaining Single — The Gift of Singleness

Mini-Module Two The Gospel

- The Five Sola's of the Reformation
- The Doctrine of Salvation
- Four Responses to the Gospel

Mini-Module Three Prayer and Scripture

- Three Prayers of Paul
- The Lord's Prayer Examined
- Jesus Begins His Day With Prayer — It takes Discipline
- A Basic Approach to Bible Reading & Application
- The Usefulness of Scripture
- The Sufficiency of Scripture

Mini-Module Four

Marriage & Family

- The Theology of Marriage; Genesis 2:18-25
- A Panoramic View of the Family
- The Husband's Role
- The Wife's Role

Mini-Module Five

Christian Parenting

- Understanding Your Role as a Parent
- Provoke Not Your Children to Wrath
- Balancing Nurture & Admonition
- Manipulation & Disrespect — God's Answers
- Helping Your Child Have a Heart for God

Mini-Module Six

The Christian Couple

- Characteristics of Biblical Love
- Let's Talk — Learning to Communicate Biblically
- Conflicts — Learning to Resolve Them Successfully
- Biblical Principles of Sex

Mini-Module Seven

Developing Relationships God's Way

This entire Mini-Module focuses on the biblical process of developing relationships among young people that is anchored in biblical principles at every point and that ultimately honors Christ in the process.

Mini-Module Eight

The Doctrine of Biblical Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage

This extended treatment of this topic will include a discussion of the following questions:

- Is modern “engagement” synonymous to Biblical betrothal?
- Can the unbeliever “depart” from the marriage yet still live under the same roof as the believing spouse? In other words, is this a theological or simply a geographical issue?
- In I Corinthians 7, did Paul simply reiterate the teaching of Jesus or give the church additional instruction concerning this crucial subject?
- What are the biblical grounds for divorce?
- What, if any, are the biblical grounds for remarriage?
- When is the marriage consummated? In other words, when is the couple truly “husband and wife”?
- What does “one flesh” mean in Genesis 2:24?
- Can one establish “marriage/divorce” doctrine from Romans 7:1-3?
- When Paul says in I Corinthians 7:9 “let them marry” (imperative verb) who is he addressing?
- When Paul says in I Corinthians 7:28 “if you marry, you have not sinned”...who is he addressing?
- Should an individual remain single? How does one determine that?
- Should a believer marry an unbeliever?
- When is it sin to marry?
- When is it sin not to marry?

These, and many other questions like them, will be explored in detail in this study of one of our Christian culture’s most controversial and misunderstood topics.

Mini-Module Nine

The Will of God

- Decision Making and the Will of God
- Using the Scriptures
- A Brief Examination of “The Call”

Mini-Module Ten

Counseling Presuppositions

This entire Mini-Module is focused on 12 crucial presuppositions that must be in place if counseling is to be inherently biblical.

Mini-Module Eleven

Problem Solving

- Giving and Receiving Reproof
- The Dynamic of Conflict Resolution
- The Guidelines for Effective Communication
- What to do When You are Sinned Against
- An overview of the process of Matthew 18:15-17

Mini-Module Twelve

Leadership

This Mini-Module focuses on the leadership principles displayed in the book of Nehemiah. Scores of principles are lived out on the stage of this narrative as a Godly leader exemplifies the passion and embraces the responsibility to lead people in a massive building project.

Mini-Module Thirteen

Idolatry and Worship

- Biblical Worship — What is it? Who can Participate? Who or What is to be Worshipped? When & Where Should Worship take Place?
- Exploring ineffective/unacceptable “worship”
- What about Heart Idolatry...discovering & dethroning ungodly ruling motives.

Mini-Module Fourteen

Essentials for a Biblical Ministry

- Understanding the Mission of the Church
- Must a Believer be a Member? — The Doctrine of Church Membership
- Did God give us Everything we need? — The Doctrine of Biblical Sufficiency
- How Does a believer Grow?— The Doctrine of Progressive Sanctification
- Maintaining Church Purity — The Doctrine of Church Discipline

Mini-Module Fifteen

For Pastors/Elders

- How Do the Scriptures Describe You?
- Manage Your Home Well
- Preach & Teach the Word
- Counsel the Word
- Use the Scriptures Properly
- Train the Next Generation

Mini-Module Sixteen

A Refresher Course in Homiletics

This Mini-Module focuses on the five major components of the preaching task

- Choosing the Text or Preaching Portion
- Writing the Purpose/Intent Statement
- Introducing the Message
- Developing an Outline that is true to the text
- Concluding the Message.

Mini-Module Seventeen

The Church is a Counseling Center

- Establishing the Biblical Basis for Biblical Counseling
- Entry level Counseling — One Another Each Other
- Thorough Counseling Demands Official Membership
- The Theology of a Discipleship/Counseling Ministry
- How the Believer Grows and Changes

Mini-Module Eighteen

Guilt, Forgiveness and a Biblical Conscience

- Guilt — Defining and Handling it Biblically
- Forgiveness God's Way
- Pursuing a Biblical Conscience

Mini-Module Nineteen

The Attributes of God

This entire Mini-Module focuses on God — Who He is and what His attributes are. The particular attributes will be selected from the following list.

- God is Faithful
- God is Holy
- God is Omniscient
- God is All-wise
- God is Omnipresent
- God is Omnipotent
- God is a God of Wrath
- God is Good
- God is Sovereign
- The Application of God's Attributes to Life and Ministry

Mini-Module Twenty

New Testament Missions

- The Inaugural Launch of New Testament Missions
- Sending in a Manner Worthy of God
- Biblical Principles Concerning Money and Giving
- Why Won't You Go?
- Press on in Spite of Circumstances
- The Mission of the Church
- The Path of a Converted Sinner

Our Purpose



**To help national pastors and their
congregations discover, develop,
aggressively pursue, and effectively
maintain a thoroughly biblical philosophy
of great commission ministry**

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