

Workshop 4: Counseling and Spiritual Warfare

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Disturbing Perspectives and Models

Crucial Issues

1. Can a Christian be demonized (demon-possessed)?

Matt. 12:25-29; Jn. 12:31; 16:11; Col. 1:13; 2:14-15; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Jn. 3:8; 4:4; 5:18; also see 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 6:14-16

2. The dangers of overemphasizing the demonic

3. The dangers of minimizing the demonic

Matt. 6:13; Jn. 17:15; Lk. 22:31-34;; 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:3; 12:7; Eph. 4:26-27; 6:10-13; 1 Thess. 2:18; 2 Thess. 3:32 Tim. 2:24-26; 1 Pet. 5:8; Jas. 3:13-18; 4:7

4. How can I know when I (or the counselee) is under demonic attack?

5. An integrated biblical worldview on spiritual warfare: All counseling is spiritual warfare.

Foundations for Understanding Spiritual Warfare in Counseling

1. Christ is the exalted reigning Redeemer and King

Background to Ephesians

Eph. 1:20-22; Col. 1:13; 2:15

2. The Armor of God is wholly sufficient

Perspectives on Spiritual Warfare in Counseling

1. Before the session

2. During the session