

# Care Discipleship

# CARE AND DISCIPLESHIP Student Handbook - Level 2

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# CARE & DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Welcome to the Care and Discipleship Course! This material has been designed for people who have a passion to see believers equipped to disciple and counsel one another with the Word of God. Whether you are an individual seeking to better equip yourself to serve the body, a church leader looking for a way to train up members of your congregation, or a group of people with a vision to cultivate an atmosphere of one-another care in your own local church, this course will be a valuable tool for you.

The Care and Discipleship Course offers a variety of materials which will assist you in completing Levels 1 and 2 of the Care and Discipleship Certification process. It is composed of 38 sessions ranging from foundational principles to key counseling issues. The CDC Handbook contains complete outlines of each session, in addition to lists of additional helpful resources. All texts have been specifically tailored to accompany the video series. It also perfectly supplements the audio series, which is available for free on IBCD's website.

The Care and Discipleship Leader's Handbook is designed to assist those who are leading others through the course. While the basic content is the same, it includes special sections to provide you with practical helps to facilitate discussion, as well as indications of appropriate times to do so. The Student Handbook contains the same content, but the discussion sections are not included.

#### Level 1: Sessions 1-20

This introduction to biblical counseling is designed to develop an understanding of how the sufficiency of Scripture impacts how to view life's struggles, especially in relation to psychology. It also explores the general principles involved in biblical counseling and how to practically apply them in specific situations including anger, conflict, depression, fear, and temptation.

#### Level 2: Sessions 21-38

This material builds on the foundation laid in Level 1, but focuses specifically on biblical views of marriage and parenting and how to deal with common problems in these areas. The intricacies of the mind/body issues in biblical counseling are also explored, especially regarding the use of psychotropic drugs. The course concludes with teaching on understanding God's will.

#### Appendix: CDC Certification Forms

The Appendix in the Student Handbook contains the appropriate forms for those seeking certification through IBCD. Each Handbook contains the forms for the corresponding level. For an even more extensive list of resources, including homework assignments, additional outlines, articles and other resources as well as the most updated certification forms, please visit the website at http://www.ibcd.org.

#### Course Components

As you work through the Handbook you will become familiar with several icons that have been implemented to assist you in navigating through the various aspects of the curriculum and the resources we have to offer you for each topic. Below is a list of each with a description:



Marks which video session (or audio track) corresponds to each outline.

# (I) Audios

Indicates helpful audios that can be referred to for further study on a given topic. These audios can be found on the website and are also embedded on each DVD (to be accessed with a computer).



Indicates suggested books for further study.



Indicates suggested booklets and pamphlets for further reading.



Indicates other helpful homework resources, outlines and handouts that are available to you on our website.



The Leader's Guide includes discussion boxes with helpful questions to facilitate the course with a group. We understand that every group setting has its own time contraints, so we have time-stamped each discussion section during logical breaks in the flow of the material rather than in uniform time segments. This allows for leaders to plan when they want to break each session and gives them flexiblity regarding the discussion of the material.

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The IBCD Care & Discipleship Certification (CDC) is designed to help churches develop one another care in the life of their own local congregations. All the material can be studied individually or as part of a group. Each level can be audited for free, or you may choose to complete the required paperwork and payment to receive certification from IBCD for each level.

#### Level

The first level of the certification process involves five steps. 1) Complete Section 1 of the Care & Discipleship Course. 2) Take the 10 question, open note, open Bible exam for Level 1. 3) Listen to any 3 electives from IBCD's messages on specific counseling issues. Any messages on the website, other than those in the Care & Discipleship Course, count as electives. 4) Request an interview with a church leader who deals with pastoral care and complete the CDC interview form. 5) Complete and submit the application form to the IBCD Office.

#### Level 2

The second level of the certification process involves five steps. 1) Complete Section 2 of the Care & Discipleship Course. 2) Take the 10 question, open note, open Bible exam for Level 2. 3) Listen to any 3 electives from IBCD's messages on specific counseling issues. Any messages on the website, other than those in the Care & Discipleship Course, count as electives. 4) Request an interview with a church leader who deals with pastoral care and complete the CDC interview form. 5) Complete and submit the application form to the IBCD Office.

#### Level 3

This final level is aimed at the integration and development of all that has been covered in Levels 1 and 2. Level 3 of the certification process involves four steps. 1) Read and submit a response paper for two texts: *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande and *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* by Paul Tripp. 2) Observe 10 hours of counseling with an ACBC certified biblical counselor. If you are unable to do this live through IBCD, videos are available to complete this requirement. 3) Request an interview with a church leader who deals with pastoral care and complete the CDC interview form. 4) Complete and submit the application form to the IBCD office.

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We believe that certification from the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) is a very helpful process for individuals pursuing biblical counseling training, and it is incredibly beneficial to the local church.

All of the training in IBCD Care & Discipleship Levels 1-3 has been designed to assist people in pursuing ACBC Certification. We have found that many people who are first being introduced to biblical counseling are not immediately ready to pursue the rigors of the ACBC process. The CDC program breaks the ACBC process into smaller steps with certifications along the way to indicate overall progress. One who has completed CDC Levels 1-3 will find himself very prepared to continue the final steps required to receive ACBCC Certification if desired.

Those seeking ACBC Certification from the start do not need to take the CDC Course to become certified. IBCD's CDC material, however, can be used to meet ACBC's requirements. Here is a description of how the CDC Course can be used toward ACBC Certification:

**Phase 1.1 of ACBC Certification** is to complete a Basic Training Course. The IBCD CDC Level 1 and Level 2 material is an approved Basic Training Course. Watching all of Levels 1 and 2 on DVD or listening to it on mp3 meets this Phase 1.1 requirement. You do not have to do the CDC assignments for ACBC, nor do you have to communicate with IBCD that you are using our course. Your completion of the material is indicated when you fill out the ACBC application, and it can be done as follows:

ACBC certified agency where Basic Training Course was completed: ACBC Certified Agency: IBCD Date: dates you listened to/watched the material City: your city State: your state Instructors: Jim Newheiser, Laura Hendrickson Name of course taken: IBCD Care & Discipleship Course

**Phase 1.2 of ACBC Certification** is to complete a minimum of 10 hours of counseling observation of a ACBC certified counselor. This is also a requirement of CDC Level 3.

**Phase 1.3 of ACBC Certification** is a reading requirement of 1,000 pages from the Approved Reading List. CDC Level 3 requires you to complete a total of 500 pages of reading from two books on the ACBC Approved Reading List, *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande, and *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* by Paul Tripp.

The remaining ACBC requirements to be fulfilled by the individual are: Phase 1.3 - finish an additional 500 pages of reading Phase 2 - Exams and Application Phase 3 - Supervision Counseling More information can be found at www.biblicalcounseling.com/certification I would like to give thanks to those who have spent many hours making this handbook as helpful as possible - Christina, Jackie, Pat, and Craig. We are greatly indebted to George Scipione, founder of IBCD, who laid the foundation for this material. I pray that God's people are blessed through your labors.

> Jim Newheiser June 2013

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#### BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS: MARRIAGE IS MADE IN HEAVEN

Introduction and Review

A. Belief in origins is foundational.

B. A foundational passage about the foundational social institution: A creation ordinance. *Gen 2: 18-23; Matt 19:4-5; 1 Cor 11:8* 

It Is Not Good for You to Be Alone

- A. A shocking evaluation. *Gen 2:18; 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31* 
  - 1. How could something be "not good" prior to the fall?
  - 2. The situation was not bad or evil, but instead it was lacking.
- B. The wife is designed by God to make her husband complete.
  - 1. She is not merely a slave girl or a sex object or a bearer of children.
  - 2. She is a companion to assist the man in carrying out God's mandate to subdue the earth. *Gen 2:28*
  - 3. Her gifts and abilities complement the strengths and weaknesses of her husband.

- C. Marriage is a lifelong covenant relationship between one woman and one man. *Gen 2:19-20, 24; Matt 19:4-5* 
  - 1. Why does God bring all of the animals to the man?
  - 2. No other creature is a suitable helper.
  - 3. Only a woman can complete a man (and only a man can complete a woman).
  - 4. Mankind has perverted God's design. *Gen 2:24; Rom 1:26-32; Matt 19:5, 8; 1 Tim 3:2; Deut 17:17; 1 Cor 7:2* (polygamy, divorce, fornication, etc.)
- D. God has a gift for everyone.
  - 1. Most of us are incomplete alone.
  - 2. Some are uniquely called to the single life. 1 Cor 7:1, 7-8; Matt 19:12
  - 3. God gives His gifts of marriage and singleness, not that we might pursue our selfish pleasures, but that we might glorify Him. *Jas 1:13*
- E. Did God create some people to be homosexuals? Jas 1:13
  - 1. Homosexuality is a perversion of God's design. *Gen 1:27; 2:24; 19:5; Lev 18:22-25; 20:13; Deut 22:5; 1 Cor 6:9; Rom 1:26-27, 32; 1 Tim 1:10; Jude 7*

- 2. Why are some people homosexual?
  - Environmental factors? Genetic factors?
  - Such rationale could be used to justify every kind of sin and evil.
  - Homosexuality, like every other sin (i.e. adultery, drunkenness, and fornication), is a personal choice to rebel against God.
- 3. Is it all right to be a non-practicing homosexual? Matt 5:27-28; 15:19
  - No more than it is acceptable to be a non-practicing adulterer (lust), murderer (hate), drunk, or rapist.
  - Sinful thoughts and desires in the heart will lead to sinful acts. Jas 1:13-15
  - We are responsible for how we think. Phil 4:8-9
  - God's grace transforms our thoughts and desires. Rom 12:2; Gal 5:24; 1 Thess 5:23
- 4. The movement of our society to accept homosexuality is a sign of God's judgment upon us. *Isa 5:20; Rom 1:18-27, 32; Gen 19*

5. The most loving and courageous thing we can do is to call homosexuality sin because God forgives and transforms. *Ps 119:128; Jas 5:19-20; 1 Cor 6:9-11* 

#### God Established Your Roles as Husband and Wife from Creation

- A. The wife is to submit to her husband's leadership.
  - 1. Male headship was God's design from the beginning. 1 Cor 11:8-9; 1 Tim 2:11-13
  - 2. The woman was made to be a helper to the man. Gen 2:18; 1 Cor 11:8-9
  - 3. The man exercises dominion: naming the animals (and woman). Gen 2:19-20, 23; 3:20
  - 4. The creation account refutes the claims of evangelical feminism. Gal 3:28
    - Male dominion did not evolve because of the man's superior size or strength
    - Gender roles are not merely a cultural issue.
    - Male headship is not the result of the fall.
    - Male headship was God's design from the beginning.

- The New Testament proves that wives' submission did not end with the cross. *Eph 5:22-24; 1 Pet 3:1-6*
- 5. Women are not demeaned by submission.
  - Headship does not imply superiority of personhood, but involves distinction in function according to God's design.
  - Subordination does not make the woman inferior. 1 Cor 11:3
  - The servant's role is glorious. Mark 10:42-45
  - The submissive wife fulfills God's design in her life.
- 6. The fall has distorted the marriage roles. Gen 3:16; 1 Pet 3:1-2, 7
  - Women tend to reverse the God-given roles and dominate their husbands. Gen 4:7
  - Men tend to be domineering and insensitive in their leadership.
- B. The husband should love and honor his wife. Gen 2:21-23
  - 1. Why did God choose such an unusual method for creating the woman? Gen 2:21-22

- 2. The husband should respect his wife because she is equally human, in the image of God. *Gen 1:27; 1 Cor 7:8-9; 1 Pet 3:7*
- 3. The husband ought to love and cherish his wife as part of himself. Eph 5:25-30
  - His leadership is to be loving and sacrificial: Eph 5:25-27
  - He is to care for his wife as part of his own body. Gen 2:23; Eph 5:28-30

#### **Concluding Applications**

- A. Marriage is a Divine institution.
  - 1. The first marriage was not just a mating (like animals) but a covenant ceremony at which God gave away the bride.
  - 2. All subsequent marriages are to follow the pattern of the first.
  - 3. Every marriage involves 3 persons: man, woman, and God.
  - 4. All people are accountable to God for how they treat marriage.
  - 5. Those who tamper with marriage will be judged by God. Heb 13:4

B. Marriage is meant by God to be a blessing for mankind.

1. Adam rejoices in the spouse God gives him. Gen 2:23; Prov 18:22

2. God still brings together Adams and Eves.

3. Rejoice in the spouse God has given you. Gen 2:23; Prov 5:18-19

- 4. The primary goal of marriage is to glorify God.
- C. Marriage is designed by God as a picture of our relationship to Him.



Harvey, Dave, When Sinners Say I Do. Keller, Tim, The Meaning of Marriage. Tripp, Paul, What Did You Expect?



**Audios** 

Harvey, Dave. "When Sinners Say I Do - Grace." Harvey, Dave. "When Sinners Say I Do - Sin."



# THE MEDICINE-ONLY APPROACH TO COUNSELING

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#### Biblical Vs. Materialist View of Human Nature

A. Biblical View - Duplex Beings: Inner and Outer Person

- 1. The Bible refers to the inner person as the heart, soul, mind, or spirit.
  - The inner person is the source of our thoughts, feelings, and choices.
  - God interacts with our inner person.
- 2. The outer person is the part of us that others can see.
  - Our speech and behavior are our body's reflection of our inner life (Luke 6:45). o Facial expression, tone of voice, words, actions.
  - Body responds to activity of inner person with physical changes.
    - o Angry feelings may produce a flushed face.
    - o Anxious thoughts may result in elevated blood pressure.
  - Body can influence thoughts, feelings, choices.



- B. Materialist View
  - 1. The material world is all that exists. There is no unseen world. There is no inner person
  - 2. The brain, an organ of the physical body, is the source of thoughts, feelings, and choices.
  - 3. Thoughts, feelings, and choices are determined solely by the brain's balance of chemicals.
  - 4. The Bible clearly teaches that our invisible inner person (not our brain) is the source of our thoughts and intentions (Heb 4:12), our emotions (Rom 9:2), and our choices (Matt15:18).



#### C. Summary

- 1. The Bible teaches a duplex view of human nature.
- 2. Our inner and outer persons interact, and each can influence the other profoundly.
- 3. Measurable changes occur in our brain as we think, choose, or feel. But these changes originate in the inner person and are mediated by the brain, an organ of the outer person.

#### Is Emotional Pain a Disease?

- A. What Is Pain?
  - 1. Pain is designed by God to function as a warning signal.
  - 2. Physical pain tells us that something is wrong with our bodies.
  - 3. Emotional pain tells us that there is a problem in our inner person ("heart").
- B. Is Physical Pain a Disease?
  - 1. Physical pain is a sign that something is wrong with our bodies.
  - 2. Medicine for physical pain does not cure the problem that is producing the pain; it helps us feel better.
  - 3. If the doctor doesn't treat the root cause of the pain, we will continue to need medicine to relieve the pain.
  - 4. Pain medicine only covers up the sign that something is wrong. It doesn't treat the underlying disease.

#### C. Why Do We Have Emotions?

- 1. Our emotions enable us to know the condition of our inner person, in the same way that physical sensations enable us to know the condition of our outer person.
  - When I touch a hot stove, I know right away that I have injured my hand.
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Facial Expressions, Speech, Bodily Stance, Physical Responses

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  - 1. The Inner and Outer Persons affect each other.
    - Our inner person can affect our physical health.
      - o Example: chronic anxiety can lead to high blood pressure.
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#### H. What About Brain Diseases?

- 1. The brain, an organ of the physical body, can itself develop diseases.
  - Example: Alzheimer's disease causes physical changes in brain cells, resulting in their death.
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#### Did Christ Have to Die? Biblical Implications of the Disease Model

If our thoughts and choices are determined solely by the activity of our brains rather than by our inner person, then when we do wrong it must not be our fault. A disease must be to blame.



#### Can Medicine Help?

#### A. First, The Bad News

- 1. Medicines, alcohol, and street drugs make us feel better by masking emotional pain.
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- 6. Violent and suicidal thoughts and actions may result from antidepressant treatment.
- B. Do Psychiatric Medicines Cure a Chemical Imbalance?
  - 1. There is no scientific evidence showing that disturbed emotions are caused by a specific imbalance of chemicals in the brain.
  - 2. There is evidence that psychiatric medicines improve feelings by increasing levels of certain chemicals. Scientists still don't know why this happens.
- C. Factors Complicating Biblical Counseling
  - 1. Some have physical conditions that may interfere with their ability to understand or apply biblical truth.
    - Examples: brain conditions like retardation, Alzheimer's, or schizophrenia.
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