

Introduction to Biblical Counseling  
High Pointe Baptist Church  
Fall 2020

1	Aug. 26	Intro – Talk through syllabus, homework, etc.  What is BC 1		
2	Sept. 2	What is BC 2	<i>ST</i> Chapter 4: The Authority of Scripture p 73-85 <i>Counseling</i> Ch 2 Biblical Counseling in Recent Times <i>ST</i>	What is the Bible’s authority in theological controversies?
3	Sept. 9	What is BC 3	Chapter 5: The Inerrancy of Scripture p. 90-101 <i>Counseling</i> Ch 1 Affirmations and Denials - Powlison JBC	The Bible is spoken of as “inspired.” What does this mean? -What is the relationship between infallibility/inerrancy and authority
4	Sept. 16	What is BC 4	<i>ST</i> Chapter 6: The Clarity of Scripture p 105-111 <i>ST</i> Chapter 8: The Sufficiency of Scripture p 127-136	Sufficiency of Scripture Study Part 1
	Sept. 23	No Class – Role of Scripture in Counseling	<i>ST</i> Chapter 7: The Necessity of Scripture p 116-124 <i>Counseling</i> Ch 3: Why Counseling and Not Psychology	- Compare and contrast the Bible and its authority to general revelation and its authority. Sufficiency of Scripture Study Part 2
	Sept. 30	No Class		Sufficiency of Scripture – Part 3
5	Oct. 7	The Nature of Man	<i>ST</i> -Chapter 23 The Essential Nature of Man p 472-487 “Dichotomy or Tricotomy” Smith, Winston, JBC 18:3 (2000) pp. 21	-Who and what is man? - What role does correct biblical anthropology play in counseling theory and practice
6	Oct. 14	Dynamics of Biblical Change (HPC 1)	<i>ST</i> Ch 36: Justification p 711-732 <i>ST</i> Ch 37: Adoption p. 736-742	- Discuss the meaning of the phrase “Justification by faith alone.”

				- Briefly describe some of the benefits of the doctrine of adoption
	Oct. 21	No Class		
7	Oct. 28	Dynamics of Biblical Change (HPC 2)	<i>ST</i> Ch 38: Sanctification p 746-759 <i>ST</i> Ch 43: Union with Christ p 840-848	Sanctification is said to be past, present, and future. Discuss this, including the idea of “union with Christ
8	Nov. 4	Dynamics of Biblical Change (HPC 3)	Read Colossians 3. Highlight all truth statements with one color. Highlight commands with another color. Do not hand in, but bring to class for discussion.  Gospel Indicatives and Imperatives – Rob Green 2 part blog post (will email also) <a href="http://blogs.faithlafayette.org/counseling/2011/08/gospel-indicatives-and-imperatives-where-is-the-debate-anyway/">http://blogs.faithlafayette.org/counseling/2011/08/gospel-indicatives-and-imperatives-where-is-the-debate-anyway/</a> <a href="http://blogs.faithlafayette.org/counseling/2011/08/communicating-the-balance-of-gospel-indicatives-and-gospel-imperatives/">http://blogs.faithlafayette.org/counseling/2011/08/communicating-the-balance-of-gospel-indicatives-and-gospel-imperatives/</a>	Why is it important to understand both indicatives (truth statements) and imperatives (commands) in Scripture? How does this relate to personal sanctification and to biblical counseling? How do both parts of “gospel grammar” give hope? We will read through Colossians 3 together.
9	Nov. 11	Dynamics of Biblical Change (HPC 4)	<i>Counseling</i> Ch 8: Developing a Helping Relationship with Counselees Why Small Groups: Chapter 2 Fellowship Rediscovered (John Loftness) <i>ST</i> Ch 44: The Church: Its Nature, its marks, and its purpose. (pp 835-869)	What is the Church?  What role does the church play in the believer’s life and the counseling process?
10	Nov. 18	General Principles of BC 1	<i>Counseling</i> Ch 9: Instilling Hope in the Counselee <i>Counseling</i> Ch 10: Taking Counselee Inventory – Collecting Data Personal Data Inventory (PDI) Forms: Review Regular and Adolescent PDI	HOPE ASSIGNMENT PART 1 DUE TONIGHT
	Nov. 25	No Class		HOPE Assignment Part 2 – begin assignment this week, but don’t hand in yet.
11	Dec. 2	General Principles of BC 2	<i>Counseling</i> Ch 11: Interpreting Counselee Data <i>Counseling</i> Ch 12: Providing Instruction through Biblical Counseling	HOPE ASSIGNMENT PART 2 DUE TONIGHT
12	Dec. 9	General Principles of BC 3	<i>Counseling</i> Ch 13: Biblical Counseling and Inducement <i>Counseling</i> Ch 14: Implementation of Biblical Instruction	HOPE ASSIGNMENT PART 3 DUE TONIGHT