

EIBCC Monthly Meeting

September 15th, 2016

Kava House Swisher, IA

Present:

Stonebridge: Robin Werling, Elaine Brown

Grace Community: Dave Kirk, Aimee Marino

Wildwood: Ron May, Gary Davison

Maranatha: Thad Joyce

Veritas CR: Ann Paulsen

True Reflections Christian Counseling: Laura Pelechek

Bettendorf Christian Church: Tyler Curtis

- I Welcome and Prayer
- II Introductions
- III The Biblical Counseling Training Conference is Coming to North Liberty!
 - a. Dates: Sept. 23rd-24th
Oct. 14th-15th
Nov. 18th-19th
 - b. Register at faithlafayette.org/northliberty
 - c. Free host housing is still available! Request host housing on the registration site under the "schedule" or "home" tab.
- IV How to help you and your people get the most out of the conference:
 - a. What has been successful?
 - i. Meet with folks individually to talk about what they're learning; help and encourage them to process.
 - ii. Set aside a night each week between the conference to process the information together.
 - iii. Set up a Track 5 type class to go through the certification test together
 - iv. Even less formal discussion between conference months has been helpful
 - v. Be a place to discuss questions, have a "Samaritan woman" type: "I have learned this and I want you to know about it too"
 - vi. Make use of testimonies about what people are learning though their training: telling stories not only from the front, but through email, website, Facebook, etc.
 - vii. Encourage each person who goes to the conference to identify a concrete action step from each conference weekend, then follow up with them about that one action step
 - viii. Encourage attenders to pray for two things: eyes to see what God want to show them about themselves, and what does God want to you to see about discipling others
 - ix. Identify their "next step" in biblical counseling/ discipling others

- x. Present an “upfront question” for them to be thinking about: this helps those attending to focus in on what they are hearing by framing up the conference with a question
 - xi. Encourage small group leaders to teach their group, or to teach two other people before the next month
- V Open Questions Time:
- a. How to build accountability and encouragement when pursuing certification?
 - i. Test buddies: small groups to work on the test together
 - ii. Offer a “Track 5” class that teaches through
 - iii. Emphasize: what you’re doing matters
 - iv. Quarterly meeting for those pursuing counseling certification to gather and encourage each other, train, roundtable discuss test questions, etc.
 - b. Certification Test
 - i. Take Track 5- ACBC is looking for specific things, and even if you submit your test and don’t get it the first time, they will give you feedback and a chance to try again
 - ii. Outline the questions before you write them
 - iii. Read the test questions before you take Track 1, and mark sessions that apply to the questions
 - c. What to do when someone in your church is getting bad counsel
 - i. Take it back to the Word. Encourage the person to find things in the Bible that directly affirm or invalidate the counsel they are receiving.
 - ii. And at the end of the day, we’re all addicted to self-worship and glorification, and 2 Corinthians makes it clear that we are not slaves to our old self if we have Christ
 - iii. Identify what is a person running to to fill them up: Christ or something else?
 - iv. Important to emphasize the power of the Spirit to both help us to resist sin, but also to receive grace when we fail: Hebrews 4. This breaks the cycle of shame in addiction (and general addiction to sin.)

***Join us for our next EIBCC meeting,
Thursday, October 20th from 8:30-10:30am at Kava House in Swisher, IA***