

Methodology & Empathy

Lecture Outline

Part 1 of 3

Introduction

I. Counseling Methodology (Acts 20:28–32)

II. The Necessity of Empathizing

“Being empathetic is to put yourself in someone else’s shoes.”

A. Practicing empathy

B. Learning empathy (1 Thess. 2:1–11)

C. Paul as a model of empathy for elders

Conclusion

Referrals and Vulnerability

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Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness ... (1 Peter 5:1-2 NASB)

III. Should Elders Refer People to Counseling?

A. When, if ever, should elders refer counseling to others?

B. What to look for in a counselor outside the assembly

IV. Should Elders Become Vulnerable with the Congregation?

A. Personal vs. public sharing

B. Problems with no vulnerability

Conclusion

Relational Ministry

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I. The Relational Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ

"The apostles gathered together with Jesus . . ." (Mark 6:30a NASB)

A. Being close

B. Closeness helps cultivate _____

C. The necessity of plurality of elders in relating to the congregation

1. You can't be with everyone all of the time.

2. How plurality of leadership helps

3. Encourage the organizers in your group to organize this.

II. Know the Different Personality Types