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Breakout - Friday 2:30pm

Character Counts: Vital Components of a Good Counseling Relationship (Part 1)

A biblical counselor's character strengths are vital to establishing a good counseling relationship, and a good relationship is at the core of excellent counseling. In this first workshop, we will examine two vital character qualities for a counselor: love and faithfulness. We will explore their deeper meaning, how each impacts the counseling relationship and methods, and how counselors can intentionally pursue growth in these areas.

I) Introduction

The significance of character in counseling  
Building a redemptive relationship: Character counts

II) Love: What it is

1 John 4:7–12  
1 Timothy 1:5

III) Love in action

1 Corinthians 13:4–7  
Empathic care  
Holding onto the hope of the gospel for change  
Collaboration and consensus  
Seeking and finding good activity

IV) Love: What it is NOT

V) Faithfulness: What it is

Psalm 36:5  
1 Thessalonians 5:24

VI) Faithfulness in action

Matthew 25:21; Hebrews 10:23–24  
Faithful to a biblical paradigm of issues/problems  
Focusing on one matter at a time  
Endurance in ambiguity: Walking side by side  
Concerned with personal godliness

VII) Faithfulness: What it is NOT