

# Counseling And Discipleship Conference

## Typical Schedule

A typical conference consists of Friday night and Saturday until about 4:00 PM, but I am happy to adjust the conference to whatever serves you and your church family best. At times, churches will choose to have me stay and preach on Sunday. If so, I am happy to discuss a sermon topic that you think would serve your church family best.

## Guidelines

- Be willing to cover the cost of promoting the event and take care of all registration, etc.
- If flying, allow Brad to purchase his own airline tickets (he doesn't fly first class ☺) and reimburse him for the ticket. If driving, please reimburse him for mileage.
- Cover the cost of Brad staying in a hotel during the conference – preferably one near the church or event site, as well as one that has a breakfast and exercise room.
- Be willing to purchase, directly from the Publisher (P&R), a case of Brad's book, *Gospel Treason*, and then be responsible for having a table on site at the conference to sell them. Typically, selling the books for \$10/each will cover your cost. [You can purchase a case direct from P&R by calling 1-800-631-0094, ext. 1 (Order dept.) or email [sales@prpbooks.com](mailto:sales@prpbooks.com).]
- Be willing to print outlines/homework assignments that correspond to each conference session in a handout or notebook format, so that registrants can track with the main points, quotes, and do some follow-up homework.
- Honorarium and additional expenses will be discussed before confirming a conference date.

## Booking in Advance

Because of my primary calling and responsibilities as Lead Pastor of Grace Fellowship Church (leading, preaching, counseling, etc.), I can only accept a limited number of outside invitations each year. Additionally, since most churches are interested in events during the Spring and Fall each year, weekends that I'm available fill up quickly, so that I am usually booking conferences 12-18 mos. in advance or longer. E-mail [bradbigney@graceky.org](mailto:bradbigney@graceky.org) to learn more about booking this conference.

## List of Workshops you can choose from (next page)

# Workshops I Teach

*Brad Bigney*

## **Fundamentals**

Biblical Sexuality

Building Involvement

Communication

Comparison of Counseling Philosophies

Guilt and Repentance

Getting to the Heart

Give Hope

Forgiveness

Purpose of Marriage

Role of the Husband and Wife (Combined)

Or...

Role of the Husband

Role of the Wife

The Need for Biblical Counseling and the Definition of Biblical Counseling

Trials & Suffering

Walking in the Light (I John 1) – A Good Counselor is First a Good Counselee

What Makes Biblical Counseling Biblical?

Worry & Fear

## **Advanced**

### **Anxiety:**

A Closer Look at Anxiety (Phil. 4 and I Pt. 5)

Godly Concern vs. Sinful Worry – What's the Difference?

Complaining: How to Keep Biblical Sorrow from Slipping into Sinful Complaining

Conflict - Understanding, Avoiding, Growing through Conflict (2 Parts)

Conflict: Have Convictions But Pursue Love (Romans 14)

## **Equipping and Sharpening Churches and Counselors:**

Are We There Yet? Knowing When to Graduate Your Counselee  
Back to Grace - How to Counsel without Making your Counselee a Pharisee  
Counselors Should be Good Theologians  
Grace – the Missing Ingredient for Real and Lasting Change  
Growing Counseling in the Local Church  
Making Much of God in Counseling (Counseling to the Glory of God)  
Making the Most of Homework (My Favorite Resources and Approach)  
Ministry for a Lifetime: Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing  
Most Common Diagrams I Use in Counseling – Part 1  
Most Common Diagrams I Use in Counseling – Part 2  
Staying Alive - Sorting out the Perils and Pitfalls of Ministry at Close Range  
What I've Sharpened or Changed After 30 Years of Counseling

## **Idols of the Heart | Lasting Change:**

Getting to the Heart of Real Change (Prov. 4:23)  
Idols: Getting to the Heart of Why I Do What I Do (Can be 1 or 2 parts)  
Gospel Treason (Idols) – 5 Workshops

- What Does God Know about My Heart?
- Why is the Heart Such a Big Deal?
- How Do I Look for Idols in My Heart?
- How Do Idols Wreck My Relationships?
- What Would an Idol-Free Life Look Like?

Helping the Doubt-Filled Counselee

Helping Your Counselee to Confess But Not Obsess Over Their Sin  
(Overcoming Low-Grade Condemnation)

Leading People to the Goodness of God in Counseling (Can be 1 or 2 parts)

Let God be God: God is sovereign over suffering and evil

## **Marriage:**

Getting a Marriage Unstuck: The Right Focus and Practical Steps for Real Change  
Marriage Counseling Template (Basic Elements I Always Use)  
Marriage – Key to Reviving Broken or Stagnant Marriage

Overcoming the Guilt of a Sin-filled past

**Parenting:**

Desperate Parents Make the Best Parents

Hope and Help for Hurting Parents (2 Parts)

Parenting Redeemed by the Gospel

Passion for Christ in our Fight Against Sin (Titus 2:11-14)

**Prayer:**

Fasting for Spiritual Breakthroughs in Counseling

Prayer - Tapping into the Real Power for Change

Unanswered Prayer: Why Don't All My Prayers Get Answered?

Pride - Killing Pride and Cultivating Humility

Sexual Temptation: Resisting or Rebuilding in Aftermath of Failure

**Suffering:**

Doubting the Goodness of God (Psalm 73)

Feeling Abandoned by God (Psalm 88)

God's Grace in a Season of Suffering – Brad & Vicki Testimony Talk

Shattered: Suffering Through the Eyes of Job

What to Say When it Can't Be Fixed (Isaiah 40)