



Issues in Counseling I (TH770) Course Syllabus

I. Learning outcomes for TH770

This course will provide students with a substantial understanding of the theological underpinnings and convictions of the biblical counseling movement.

II. Required Reading:

George C. Scipione, *The Battle for the Biblical Family*, 2nd Ed., (Pittsburgh: Crown & Covenant, 2018).

Dave Harvey, *When Sinners Say "I Do": Discovering the Power of the Gospel for Marriage*, (Wapwallopen: Shepherd Press, 2007).

Martha Peace, Stuart W. Scott, *The Faithful Parent: a Biblical Guide to Raising a Family*, (Phillipsburg: P&R, 2010).

Ken Sande, *Peacemaking for Families*, (Colorado Springs: Focus on the Family, 2002).

Paul David Tripp, *Parenting: the 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family*, (Wheaton: Crossway, 2016).

Tedd Tripp, *Shepherding a Child's Heart: Revised and Updated*, (Wapwallopen: Shepherd Press, 2011).

Douglas Wilson, *Reforming Marriage*, (Moscow: Canon Press, 2005).

III. Assignments

Written assignments should be turned in together at the close of a course.

1. Write a two to three page (double-spaced) reflection paper on any chapter of *Shepherding a Child's Heart*. A reflection paper identifies the subject(s) under consideration and gives a summarization of your reaction to the material with evidence from the material to support your suppositions. Reflection papers answer the questions "Did you agree with the claims of the author?," "What did you learn?," "What misconceptions did you have that the author helped you correct?" Footnote all citations. For further help consult [How to Write a Reflection Paper](#).
2. Develop a hypothetical 8 session premarital counseling plan for a young Christian couple. This plan should cover the following areas: conflict resolution, marital fidelity,



communication, leadership, and submission. Include the texts utilized in counseling, homework, and outline.

3. **Write an eight page paper (double-spaced) which explains a biblical understanding of marriage, divorce, and remarriage.** Provide a cover page, bibliography, and footnote all citations. Be sure to utilize Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th Ed., (Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press, 2018) for pagination/citation questions. Refrain from relying upon secondary or internet sources.