

# TCC G360 Biblical Counselling Module

## Week 3: Word Ministry

### Week 3 Teaching Objectives

- To give apprentices a framework for the **process** of biblically counselling another person well.
- To give apprentices a framework for biblical counselling with the **local church** as a ministering community where every believer plays a part.

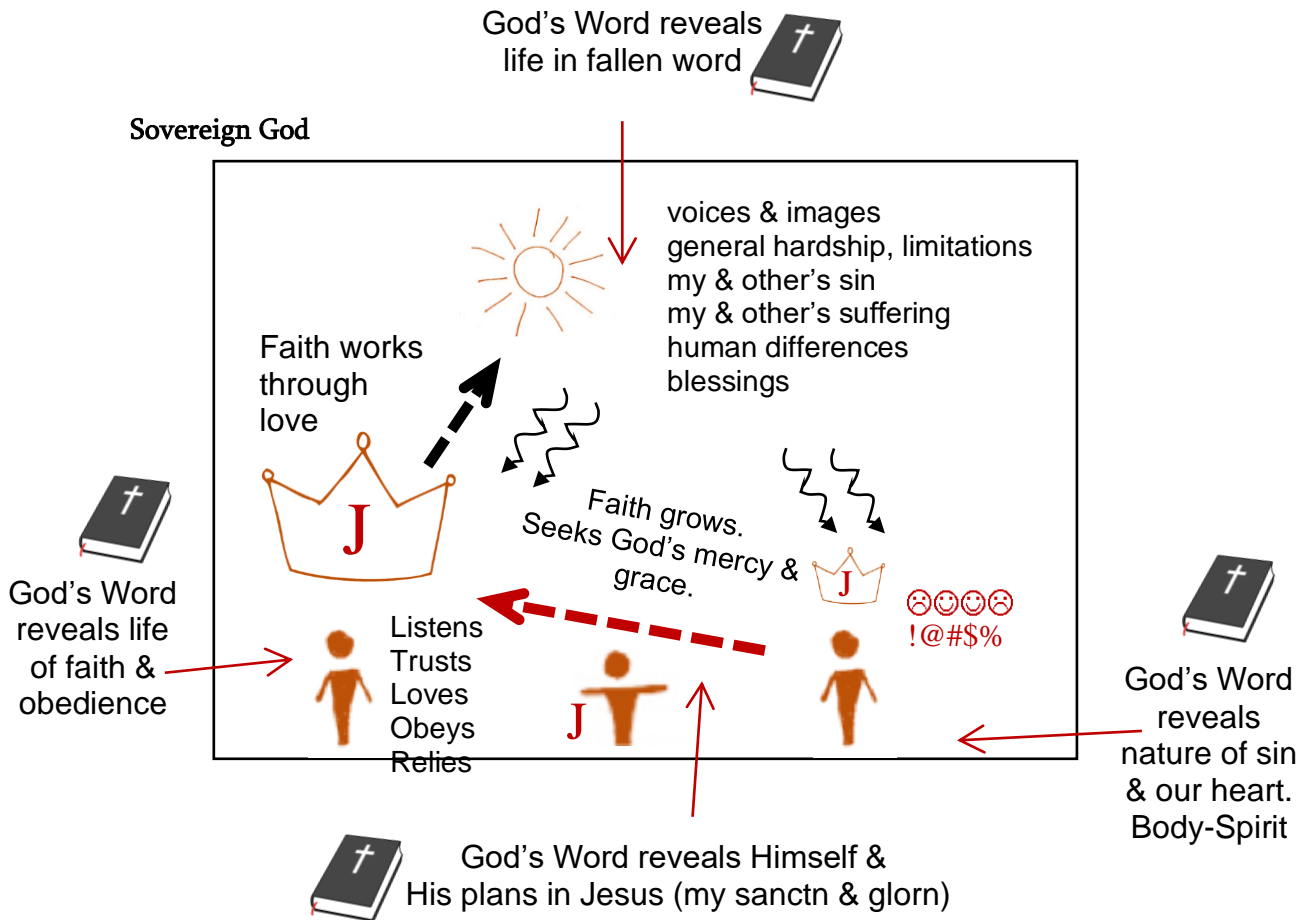
### 1. Quick Recap of Week 2

### 2. Your Reading Reflection

1. What questions do you have from this chapter?
2. Paraphrase the point of the chapter.
3. How would this shape or change how I think about myself, others, and ministry? How would I do ministry differently?

- Chapter 2: The Facts of Life
- Chapter 3: Hearing the Music of the Gospel
- Chapter 4: How Healthy Is Your Preparation
- Chapter 5: What Questions Do You Ask
- Chapter 10: What is 'Ministry of the Word?'
- Chapter 13: Pastoral Counselling

### 3. Interpersonal Word Ministry



- 1) Reframes life troubles with an eternal perspective
- 2) Leads people to face themselves honestly (as God sees them)
- 3) Promotes not human-human but human-Saviour interaction; bringing the living Christ to people.
- 4) Steps into life troubles 'common to all' with humility
- 5) Works collaboratively with the person, seeking to understand the person's unique situation & heart
- 6) Aims for Christ-orientation & progress, not perfection

7) Thinks globally and acts locally; one bit of Bible to one bit of life

8) Tuning Fork of Biblical Counselling

## 4. Local Church as the ministering community

- **Formal Word ministries**

public preaching 1&2Ki.	PF youth Gal.	workshops Guidance	CG Gen.	prayer triplets	post-sermon	121s Col.	pastoral counselling difficult situations prob-centred
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e.g. Phil.4:2 Euodia & Syntyche to agree  
e.g.Phi.17 Philemon to receive O-nee

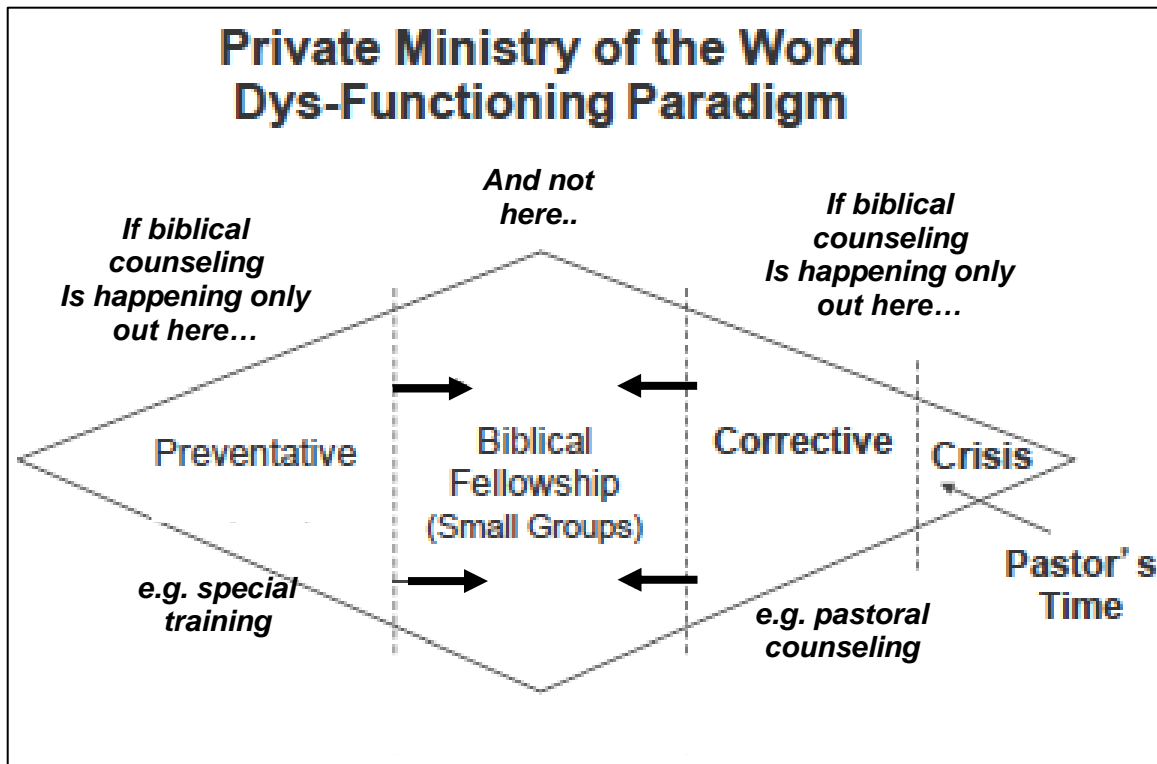
- **Common Situation**

“My CG member has a pastoral issue... XYZ. I don't know how to help. It's complex and messy. I've no experience. It's beyond my pay grade. I'm not trained. I've no time. I tried, nothing happened.”

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| ... irregular at CG                                | ... dating non-Christian   |
| ... always late for church                         | ... bullied at work  |
| ... suffering depression/suicidal                  | ... confessed to porn addiction                                      |
| ... eating disorder                                | ... angry, blows up at home/work                                     |
| ... once CGL but now burn-out                      | ... prioritises work/socials over CG                                 |
| ... suffers a chronic illness                      | ... dejected by failed relationship                                  |
| ... engaging in pre-marital sex                    | ... in marital conflict w spouse                                     |
| ... consistently stressed with work                | ... struggling w infertility   |
| ... conflict w another CG member                   | ... stressed by newborn  |
| ... struggling w singleness, lonely                | ... struggles w disciplining children                                |
| ... confronted w past abuse                        | ... angry with God amidst CB e.g. retrenchment, isolation            |
| ... persecuted at home/work                        | ... grieving the loss of loved one e.g. cancer, suicide, miscarriage |
| ... pressured to perform, upgrade, promote at work |  |
| ... prizes/pursues worldly pleasures and successes |  |
| ... struggles w image/identity                     |  |

List some of the common pastoral situations you have face

(i) **Biblical Counseling is not reserved for the expert counselors & pastors.**



(ii) **Biblical Counseling happens in all healthy Christian communities.**

