

**Biblical Counseling and a Theology of Suffering – Class # 11:  
Biblical Counseling and a Theology of the Church; Chapter 11 &  
Biblical Counseling and the Goal of Theology; Chapter 12**

Quotes are from the Bible or the book

**Chapter 11:**

**“While it is important to understand theology and doctrine, we need to apply what we learn in a community of believers – in the Church”.**

- **This is a quote from the book. I venture to say that we need to apply what we learn not only in a community of believers in the Church, but to everyone we have conversations with.**
- **There are many churches that are not Biblical based so it is crucial that we are in the right church, and here at Crossroads we are. That is when we can lean on our fellow brothers and sisters. It is also when and where we can bring others to Christ.**

**“The Bible is clear that teaching happens in a public context of preaching and in a personal context of conversation. Jesus is an example of a biblical teacher who spent far more time counseling than he ever did preaching.”**

**Chapter 12:**

**“It should never be enough for Christians to merely know theology. In our pursuit of God through the study of theology, the central reality we are striving to hold is God himself. We study theology to know Christ.”**

**“There is another goal of theological knowledge. That goal is ministry. God desires that we take the things we know of him and pour that knowledge into others for their benefit. The goal of this book is not merely that counselors care about theology, but that theologians care about counseling.”**

**“When we understand the rich theology of the Christian faith, we are driven to offer uniquely biblical counsel to hurting and struggling people. This is a theology for the church that honors Jesus and is grounded in the Word.”**