

**PH.D. IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING**  
**Field Essay Study Guide**  
School of Theology

Students applying for graduate studies in the Biblical Counseling department will be taking a field essay in two parts. The first part of the field essay will cover generic issues in pastoral care, psychology, integration of psychology and theology and Christian counseling. The recommended reading for the first part of the field essay is the following three texts:

- (1) David Powlison, *Seeing Through New Eyes*
- (2) Stanton Jones and Richard Butman, *Modern Psychotherapies: A Comprehensive Christian Appraisal*
- (3) Eric L. Johnson & Stanton Jones, Eds., *Psychology and Christianity: Four Views*

The second part of the field essay will cover issues unique to the primary area of study that the prospective graduate student is considering as the "major field of emphasis" within the two areas of graduate study in the Biblical Counseling department.

**Area 1: Biblical Counseling** (Eric Johnson; Chuck Hannaford)

John MacArthur and Wayne Mack *Introduction to Biblical Counseling* (2nd ed.)  
Jay Adams *More Than Redemption*  
Paul Tripp *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*

**Area 2: Pastoral Theology-** (Professor Eric Johnson)

Andrew Purves, *Reconstructing Pastoral Theology: A Christological Foundation*  
Thomas Oden, *Pastoral Theology*  
Charles Bridges, *The Christian Ministry*