

Care in the Church
Session #3
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- A. The church should position itself to be the believer's go to for care.

- B. The church's philosophy of care will determine its culture and life.

Some paradigm shifts to consider:

- a. From a primarily public ministry of the Word focus to a public AND private ministry of the Word focus.

 - b. From only using a professional therapeutic model to adapting a biblical shepherding model.

 - c. From feeling pressure or the need to "fix" people to focusing on discipleship—helping them learn to glorify God in their struggle.

 - d. From the need to keep the struggle "private" to encouraging community around the struggler.
- C. What can care look like?
 - a. Small group ministries
 - b. Focused care groups
 - c. Mentoring/discipling ministries
 - d. Counseling ministries

 - D. Reasons for considering a counseling care ministry in your church:
 - a. It allows for consistency between the pulpit and the pew.
 - b. It provides a way to monitor the types of struggles within the church.

