



Biblical Authority—

Psychology Without Sin

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article *Psychology Without Sin* on page 80 of *Answers* (Vol. 7 No. 3) before answering the questions.

1. Look at Psalm 18:1–6 and note David’s “experiences” (Rogers’s terminology). How did David deal with his pressures/experiences? _____

2. Continuing to think about Psalm 18, ask yourself what you tend to make your “rocks” and “fortresses” to deal with life’s pressures. _____

3. How do these metaphors relate to counseling problems like alcohol abuse and viewing pornography? How could these behaviors be considered “worship disorders”? _____

4. According to Scripture what are some key principles for a discipler/counselor to follow when working with someone who has been sinned against? (See Romans 12:10; 12:15; and Galatians 6:2 to get you started.) _____

5. What role should theology play in developing a biblical counseling system? For example, how do hamartiology (the doctrine of sin), anthropology (the nature of man), bibliology (the nature of the Bible), and soteriology (the doctrine of salvation) relate to counseling? _____

6. Think about what Isaiah 61:1–2a promises concerning Christ’s ministry and the power of the gospel. What does He promise? Relate this to counseling issues. _____

7. Think through the prepositions in Romans 11:36 that help us understand what it means to live as a worshiper. How can you view conflicts as if they are from, through, and to God? How can you view difficult relationships with your spouse or parents as if they are from, through, and to Him? _____

