

## Questions for Meditation and Discussion

1. How did this ministry begin? What were the hopes and dreams of the founders? How were they realized (or not)?
2. Think of the glory days of the ministry. What values, programs, and people were present? (If the glory days are now, consider this question in the present tense.)
3. What is your sense of the strengths of the ministry? What is going well? What is the best of the past that lives on in the present?
4. What is your sense of the challenges that the ministry faces? What do we need to work on in terms of organization, staffing, mission, or programs?

## **Bible Study:**

### ***Philippians 4:8-9***

**Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.**

### ***Plotting Our Dreams***

*Consider the roles and functions and the biblical goals for our life together as Paul described them in this passage from Philippians. List these in the space below.*

*Take a few moments to dream a little bit and brainstorm how we can perform these roles, functions and biblical goals in our ministry together.*

# Developing a Mission Statement

## Reporting on Your Future (with thanks to David Dik)

*It is 2012, the Family Counseling Ministry has developed and has been living into a new vision and is thriving. You are thinking back and sharing what has happened. (A letter to a friend, a telephone conversation, a news release, an entry in your diary, or you may invent your own method of reporting.)*

*Indicate what has happened over the previous five years. How did it happen? Who was involved? Think of concrete events. Focus on who, what, where, why, when! What changes were taking place in society? What significant events were taking place in your life?*

*Share your thoughts with your small group and together develop a mission statement.*

# Setting Goals and Objectives

## Criteria for Goal/Objective Statements

1. A clear, simple statement of not more than three sentences.
2. Achievable.
3. Believable
4. Measurable: set within a time frame
5. Makes a difference regarding past and present conditions.

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#### Objective One:

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**Objective One:**

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# Action Planning

*Beginning to live your intended futures in the present*

***Short Term Objectives:***

***Within the Week***

***Next Month***

***Within 6 Months***

***In 12 Months***