



Welcome to the ACCA Webinar

Leadership in Asian Christian Counseling

Series # 1

- Challenging Asian Christian Counselors to work through on integrating Psychology, Theology, Spirituality and Missions for us to be intentionally Kingdom-minded and missional in our teaching, practice and ministry in the coming post-Pandemic era.

Speaker: Dr. Edmund Ng, ACCA President

The seminar will commence shortly.

▀ Housekeeping:

- ❑ Please turn on your video with your name stated as we do not want to admit outsiders. Kindly switch to the Speaker's View.
- ❑ As your microphone will be muted during the presentation and please type in your questions or remarks using the Chat function.
- ❑ All views expressed are those of the speaker and do not represent the official position or policies of ACCA.
- ❑ Useful and innovative points raised will be highlighted to the ACCA Board for discussion and consideration in our future policies and activities.

▀ Premise and Assumptions:

- ❑ As a Christian counselor, you want to be intentionally Kingdom-minded and missional in your teaching and practice, integrating psychology, theology, spirituality and missions.
- ❑ ACCA is not asking professional counselors to disregard their professional standards and ethics but serve beyond their clinical practice as a ministry to the community with the Word of God as the final authority.

▀ Premise and Assumptions:

- ❑ In being fully authentic to the Word of God, we need to recognize and accept that our some of our Christian values and practices may not be consistent with the standards and ethics of modern psychology which is structured according to humanistic perspectives or preferences.
- ❑ The goal of secular counseling is to gain personal wellness but the ultimate goal of Christian counseling is to facilitate the counselee to know God, relate closely with Him and be Christlike in character. Our basic problem is sin and due to the fall of mankind through sin, we are in need of salvation through a Savior in Christ Jesus.

▀ Premise and Assumptions:

- ❑ Asia is less restricted than in the West in the practice of counseling and psychotherapy and so we must be bold in applying the standards and techniques of the Kingdom according to what Jesus our Wonderful Counselor has modelled to us.
- ❑ At the present time, a global recession is widely anticipated. Some economic experts have even predicted a depression. In the last Great Depression of the 1930's, suicides were rampant. In the coming global depression, both suicides and lawlessness will be rampant. As such, mental health services will be in high demand.

▀ Premise and Assumptions:

- ❑ As the Covid-19 pandemic has brought about drastic changes, putting us in a wilderness of uncertainty, and peoples' mindsets are now more adaptable, we want to seek God together through this Webinar series in this period of gestation to birth forth something new and shape Christian counseling to be more impactful in serving and advancing God's Kingdom in Asia.

▀ What good has the global crisis brought out in you?

- ❑ Tested my Christian faith and the quality of my faith.
- ❑ Taught me that nothing is certain, so I cannot take my life for granted and I need to trust God more.
- ❑ Helped me to realize that much is beyond my control and I need to learn to surrender more to God.
- ❑ Caused me to simplify my life and re-orientate my priorities.
- ❑ Revealed to me my true character, values and where I need further transformation.

▀ What good has the global crisis brought out in you?

- ❑ Showed me the quality of my relationship with others.
- ❑ Opened my eyes to the tremendous hardships and needs that are around me.
- ❑ Bombarded me the fact that hundreds of thousands of people can just suddenly die without salvation.
- ❑ Impressed upon me that I have no option but to keep up with and utilize new IT skills.
- ❑ Others

▀ What leadership lessons have the global crisis taught you?

- ❑ What you do and interact each day in the privacy of your home is a reflection of your leadership, because leadership is dependent on the quality of the sum total of all your decisions and actions, whether big or small, whether in public or in your privacy.
- ❑ Leadership is most tested during crisis because it is the time of crisis that brings out either the best or the worst in a leader's qualities.

▀ What leadership lessons have the global crisis taught you?

- ❑ When you are a Christian counselor, you are in a position of influence and hence you are a leader.
- ❑ We cannot give what we do not possess. We cannot lead others with what is not from the inside out.

▀ Principles of Christian Leadership for Asian Christian Counselors:

- ❑ Intimate with God (Acts 6:3)
- ❑ Has good character (1 Tim 3:7)
- ❑ Has love and compassion for others (Matt 14:14)
- ❑ Willing to sow all the time, especially to the least (Gal 6:9; Matt 25:40)



▀ Principles of Christian Leadership for Asian Christian Counselors:

- ❑ Zealous for the Kingdom of God (1 Cor 10:31)
- ❑ Willing to take risk for God (Matt 11:12), even suffer if necessary (Acts 20:23; 1 Peter 4:15, 16)
- ❑ Leads with spiritual authority, not control or manipulation (Matt 7:29)
- ❑ Leadership is servanthood (Matt 20:28)

▀ Practices of Christian Leadership for Asian Christian Counselors:

- ❑ Prayer is vital (Luk 5:16)
- ❑ Lead and serve with godliness and humility (Acts 20:19)
- ❑ Avoid any quarrels (1 Tim 3:3; Prov 18:1)
- ❑ Be culturally- and religiously-sensitive (1 Cor 9:22)

▀ Practices of Christian Leadership for Asian Christian Counselors:

- ❑ High tech must be matched by high touch (Luk 10:25-37; 1 John 1:7)
- ❑ Concerns with kindness, justice and righteousness (Jer 9:24)
- ❑ Our ultimate goal is to lead others to encounter God (John 4:42)
- ❑ Practices self-care (3 John 1:2)

▀ Demands of Christian Leadership for Asian Christian Counselors:

- ❑ Total commitment (Luk 9:23)
- ❑ Willing to pay the price (2 Tim 1:8)
- ❑ Let God has His way, not pursue your personal agenda (Matt 26:42)
- ❑ Prepare for your exit and pass the baton (2 Kings 19:16)



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