

Floyd, Scott. *Crisis Counseling: A Guide for Pastors and Professionals*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications. 2008. 280 pp. \$17.99.

A sad reality of pastoral ministry in the 21st century is the need for the pastor to be equipped to provide counseling in times of extreme crisis. From the traumatic experiences of school and church shootings to the everyday trauma which ordinary members of our communities face when confronted with disease and death, there is a need for a reliable guide for pastors and counselors when facing crisis situations. Scott Floyd, who serves as associate professor of counseling at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has drawn on his twenty-five years of experience to produce a volume which seeks to meet this deficiency of sound literature.

In this practical volume which draws on many “real-life stories” from Floyd’s own counseling ministry, pastors and church members alike are given a model for crisis counseling beginning with the defining of key terms and including application of the model to specific kinds of individuals. In short, the readers of this volume are challenged to realize that crisis care is “an essential function of the body of Christ” in which “crisis caregivers are helping to fight God’s battles, to make His name known, and to advance His kingdom, all for the glory of God.”

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