

Conference Speakers

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Dr. Nicolas Ellen – Senior Professor of Counseling at the College of Biblical Studies (Houston, TX); Senior Pastor of Community of Faith Bible Church; President of Expository Counseling Center; frequent conference speaker; part-time missionary for Overseas Instruction in Counseling Organization; ACBC Fellow; author of many workbooks and books; married with two daughters and four grandchildren; B.B.A., University of Houston; M.A.C.E., Dallas Theological Seminary; M.A.B.C., The Master's University; D. Min., Biblical Counseling, Southern Baptist Seminary; currently finishing a Ph.D., Biblical Counseling, Southwestern Theological Seminary.

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