

## Creed of Love

### Facilitator's Creed

1. We will love one another as Christ has loved us (John 13:34). Jesus is not only present in us (John 15:4), He is present in those around us (Matt. 25:40). We will live and minister in this truth. We will model the unity and love we are teaching.
2. We exist to instruct and encourage each member in the development of efficacy skills in ministering to the wounded. Our attitude and tone (written and spoken) will be one of gentleness and tenderness, and of sensitivity to the feelings of others.
3. Our first task is to lead others into an encounter with the merciful love of our redeeming Lord. They will experience Him through us – we are His hands, feet, eyes, and mouth. We will be extravagant lovers of God.
4. We are here to learn from each other and will bring a humble and teachable spirit to the ministry (Proverbs 12:15).
5. We will not label. People are not “dissociative” or “personality disordered”. They are God’s precious design, scarred and wounded by sin. We will be sensitive with our speech – words and tone matter (Galatians 6:1).
6. We will utilize constructive and positive illustrations that inspire and create hope. We will consistently protect the identity and confidentiality of our members and participants.
7. We will remain sensitive to others’ shame. We will remember that those who have been deeply wounded are easily triggered in their own shame. As we speak to the best of who God has created them to be, they will become that man or woman (Proverbs 12:18)
8. We will relate to every man, woman, or child who comes into our circle with the deepest level of dignity that we know this side of heaven. They will see themselves worthy of love as they experience our love and grace. This is one of the most powerful counterforces to shame. We will be known by this love and will corporately love, live, and minister in this way (John 4:7-9)
9. Our emphasis is on restoration and healing. We will not love in word only, but in truth and in deed (1 John 3:18). Mending the Soul Ministries exist to serve many people who live on the fringes of society and do not have access to healing sources.
10. We will be authentic and ordinary.