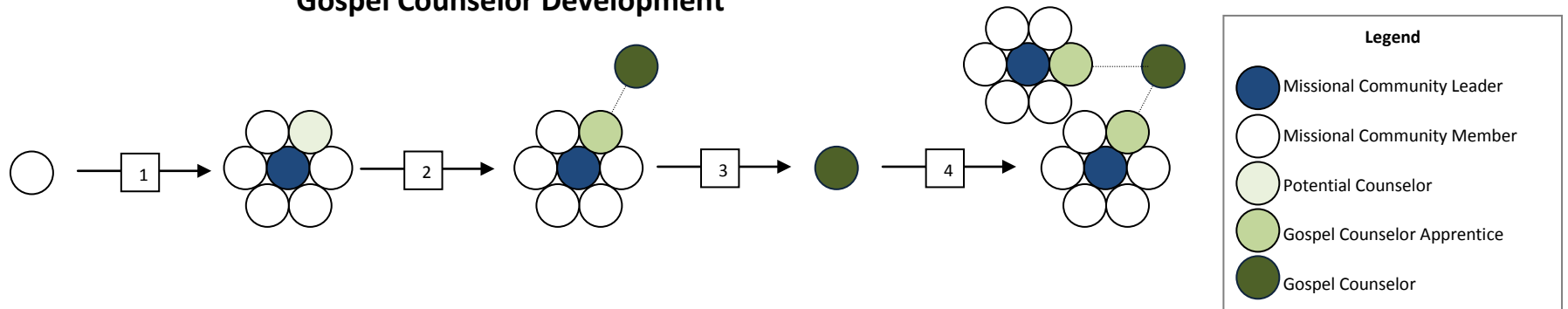


# Gospel Counselor Development



## 1. Joining a Missional Community

**Systemic:** Create a culture where people see “being the church” as life-on-life interaction living in community. Paths of serving, growing, learning, mercy ministry, connecting all flow through these missional communities.

## 2. Becoming a Counseling Apprentice

**Systemic:** The Missional Community Leader identifies a person with a desire to grow as a gospel counselor. The Counseling Apprentice is connected with an Elder or other Gospel Counselor.

**Systematic:** The Gospel & Our Church curriculum. Divine Design Gifts Assessment, *Helping Others Change* Curriculum

## 3. Becoming a Gospel Counselor

**Systemic:** Through an active coaching process the Counseling Apprentice grows in their gospel counseling understanding. The Apprentice works in partnership with the Gospel Counselor on difficult counseling issues and grows in their ability to counsel in a grace-centered manner, involving the Missional Community.

**Systematic:** Gospel-Centered Counseling Curriculum (Overview of CCEF works)

## 4. Gospel Counseling Ministry

**Systemic:** Gospel Counselors coach Apprentices to help them grow as a counselor. Gospel Counselors may also take on more advanced counseling needs that require greater intensity than a Missional Community can provide. The goal is to limit this to a season and encourage the counseling to flow through the life of the community.

**Systematic:** Continued reading, conferences and education.