

A Preview of Volume 2

This book and this final chapter hopefully demonstrate that the church and its workers have a central, vital, essential role in helping those with mental illness. My prayer is that this book will help you understand the experiences of persons with mental illness. Such understanding will help you to comfort and console them.

The next volume focuses on four things. It covers the causes of mental illness. It also reviews scientifically valid treatments for the various mental illnesses. Additionally, it discusses the mental health treatment system (e.g., the difference between psychiatry, psychology, and social work). And how you, the church worker, can encourage your church members dealing with mental illness to seek proper treatment.

The next volume also provides information and advice for church workers regarding how to help their church members to access and benefit from treatment, including how to start the conversation about needed care, how to find good mental health professionals to whom they can refer (in particular, mental health professionals who will respect Christian faith), and how to evaluate whether treatment is helping or not.

Soli Deo Gloria