

The Church's Role in Helping Victims of Sexual Abuse and Trauma

In the session, we will look at how the larger body of the church might work alongside the victim and the counsellor in ways that heal rather than hurt or silence.

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