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Dependent, Together, Intentional, Process, Otherness, Slow, Messy, Awkward, Inconsistent, Large back burner, Think large and live small, Always give way forward and way back, Servants, Sacrifice, Humility, Dependence, Steadfast Plodding

What comes to mind when you hear these words describing normal church life and growth?

- More than just “attending”/”listening”
- Focus off yourself
- Any untruth we live with creates a void that we are desperate to fill (distracting)
- Moves through the fleshly/“catty” to process of kingdom living
- No room for mindlessness
- Seems ugly/seems without glory 1 Peter 3:8,9
- These words picture of stability from within/life from within
- All part of built in calling
- Not how relationships work if eliminate hard/dark
- Not desirable, impossible to live, but would love for others to treat us like this
- Long time to change values
- Suffering should be expected when living for different values
- Encouragement from examples around us of people seeing the supporting value of knowing Christ Job. 13 – though he slays me, I will Hope in Him
- Repetition



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Discipling, Evangelism, Raising up leaders, Church Planting, Missions. What is the root of these five things (the “germ” he talks about)? How does focusing on our churches being marked by loving God and loving others foster this germ?

- Breeds living what we are hearing/studying/seeing on display
- How does it live to help others? Live with them, Point to where you are looking, Learn of Jesus, Willing to be open – starting conversations, initiation, being
- If keep His goal then recognize only way to love Him/them is by looking to Him
- Living for God before others affects the norm
- Love tied to God -> Therefore, continue with God studying Him as He is
- Includes looking past/through other loves/germs
- Hold up character of God so love Him for who He is + how He told us to love Him

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How does defining love for God + others tie to following Jesus?

- Way back to God
- Way forward after sin
- John 14:6 accountable
- Inside history, His character seen – culminates in Jesus
- Seen Jesus, seen the Father – This is My Beloved Son, listen to Him
- Ephesians 2:4 – Made us alive together in Christ – BUT God

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What do we need to do to strengthen this germ/root of following Jesus in our lives individually and as a church?

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Why will following Jesus individually/together naturally result in a culture of discipling, evangelism, raising up leaders, church planting, and missions? (What is the tie? How do they flow from each other?)

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Underlying Assumptions/Goals in Adult SS for church as whole:

- 1. We must shift our focus from personal maturity and growth to building healthy churches.**
- 2. We must focus on the roots, not merely the fruit.**

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IF we do NOTHING else together, the Collective People of God must:

- I. Worship God Together.** Romans 15:5-6
- II. Grow Individually and Corporately with a Growth that Comes from God.** Eph. 4:15-16
- III. Protect/Defend the Name of God—His character and Eternal Purposes.** II Tim. 1:13-14
- IV. Own the People in the Particular Expression of the Body of Christ where God has Placed you.** I Cor. 12:18, Eph. 4:16
- V. Spread the Glory of God** Hab. 2:14, I Pet. 2:9

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We have looked at public worship services, relationships, growth, culture, now finally, What would need to be lifted up/allowed if want to build healthy churches with strong roots in **faithful service?**

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Through the lens of these two goals, what were some of the changes hoped for by intentionally changing the goals during our *Future Grace* study leading to an 8 year study of that book? (longer studies over the years preceding)

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Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that **you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

Philippians 1:27

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, ² **make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.**

Philippians 2:1-2