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- 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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- Often follow for wrong reasons; soaking it up + applying it produces/reveals true love
- Intentional
- Should be normal to have love for God — that love leads to certain goals (God determines —i.e. These 5 things)
- That love should spread
- Define love —we need the puzzle cover— we have it; God is love
- If we love only for what He gives, we won't see Him for who He is
- Can only give what we have — knowing about is different than knowing
- Sit first, then do Mary/Martha
- Structure gives foundation + boundaries for growing in love and following Jesus
- Psalm 90:12 each day lived with and under an eternal God
- Love comes in the following, yielding

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## What does it require to find what God values and does and then fill your life with more of these things?

- Being thankful
- In & under His Word
- Submission & humility
- Honoring His work in creation & sustaining
- Habits of Grace – reading Word, meditating, prayer, fellowship of saints are not the end – we sink our roots into Him & spread branches out in service which drives us back to learn more of Him (need Him to serve Him)
- Matt. 6:33 what does seeking look like? Knowing only part of picture – get wisdom & understanding (effort involved in bridge between facts & apprehension application)
- If “know more” than those around, then lose desire to learn more
- No growth if not identifying sin & enjoy the benefits of confession through Christ
- Discipleship process that includes all God intends to work in our lives
- Trust Christ to separate you from your sin (cleanse us from all unrighteousness)
- Rom 5:8 God demonstrates His love, while still sinners Christ died for us – I John 4:19 He Love because He first loved us
- Meditation Ps.1 day & night – explaining to myself the truth I just read, I find must struggle more to understand

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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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**Then how does loving God and loving others lead to following Jesus?**



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**What does “being a disciple”/following imply or necessitate?**

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**What does this say about our following Jesus if we are not actively helping others follow Jesus?**

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**What does making disciples of Jesus include?**

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**What would be some of the inhibitors to us cultivating this germ of following Jesus ourselves and helping others follow Jesus in the church?**

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**How would following Jesus deal with these inhibitors?**

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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.**



# **“SKELETON AND FLESH OF THE CHURCH” APPLIED PT. 9**

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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, <sup>2</sup> **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