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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
- Love leads to seeing the problem of enmity, calling for reconciliation outside our power to achieve – God did it through Christ
- Those longing for redemption
- Persistence to know what it means to love God
- Those under God (humility) who respond to God
- Seeing beyond your need to glorious plan of God – Transcendence

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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, 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