

FUTURE GRACE AND THE PURPOSE OF ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCLUSION PT. 1

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- How much should leader/leaders decide what is valuable and where we should focus and how much consideration should be given for people's preferences, opinions, or "felt needs"?
- What should a small church prioritize when don't have resources to accommodate everyone's felt needs? Does everyone deserve the benefits of a large church where there are more opportunities for people to get what they think they need OR deserve to find church that fits their understanding of growth and service?
- What IS the skeleton and flesh of a healthy church?
- What DOES healthy spiritual growth look like?
- What is the common mission for ALL Christians?
- **How do we determine value?** If we value the wrong things, how do we change focus in a godly way?

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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

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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

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Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1–6

What problems might occur if the people you are tied together with for life and ministry don't have a common history or common understanding of normal Christian life or our mission together?

- Pick and choose who fellowship with and serve with instead of dealing with those God has sent
- Without common understanding, it takes time
- Miscommunication about history and growth and experiences (God versus self-centered)
- Compromising the core gospel itself by focusing on application of lack of pedigree
- Confusion and disagreements
- Less of a bond when no community before our own
- Make minor issues big rather than “simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ”, “we preach Christ” (therefore, baptism, membership, communion)
- Can't support each other's mission or means of God's leading

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Purpose:

- 1. Cultivate the Heart of a Disciple (Matt. 16:24, 28:19-20, II Tim. 2:2)**
- 2. Increase our biblical understanding of God (Jer. 9:23-24, Phil. 3:10, I Tim. 4:16, Jn. 17:3)**
- 3. Increase our understanding of the current Christian climate (I Chron. 12:32, Dan. 11:32, Lk. 12:56)**
- 4. Grow together as men of Cornerstone Bible Church (Heb. 10:24, I Thess. 4:9, I Pet. 1:22, Heb. 3:13)**

Meeting: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm the second Saturday of every month following Men's Fellowship beginning

January 13, 2007. The class will meet for ten months (no meeting July & August), with the last meeting on Friday night, December 7.

Cost: \$60 for textbooks



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Requirements to Complete the Class:

- 1. 90% Attendance (1 absence allowed from each of the four sections=1 total session)**
- 2. 100% Textbook Reading & Worksheets**

Note: Only those who have read the section may speak during the discussion. Hand in worksheets one week prior to class which will list your 5 top statements from each reading and list any questions you would raise for discussion.

- 3. 100% Outside Reading & 5 Book Analysis Papers**

Requirements for Book Analysis' are as follows:

- 1. 2 Pages (4 page Maximum). Double-spaced. One-inch margins. 12 Point.**
- 2. No more than one paragraph summary. The rest of the paper consists of interaction with ideas from the book.**
- 3. End with your personal opinion of the book.**

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Let's publicly process. Any thoughts that would be helpful as you listen?
(undeveloped thoughts, questions)

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2. Gospel change must have Gospel roots, not just behavioral or moralistic change.