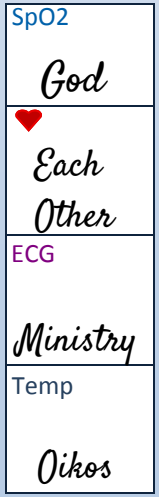
My Sermon Notes:

Grace Church
10-26-14

God's desire for every believer is for them to become **"fully devoted followers of Christ"**. This is the stated mission of Grace Church. There are two important questions which should be asked about God's desire for us to be **FDFOC**.

1. What are the means by which we become **"FDFOC"**?
2. What signs in my life indicate I am a **"FDFOC"**?

God has designed four ways in which we live out our mission of being a **FDFOC.** These four things can be described as connections.



1. Our connection with God.

2. **Our connection with God's people.**

"One Another"

3. Our connection with God's ministry.

4. Our connection with God's world (Oikos)

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of our study in the Word.

Vital Connection with God's People. Acts 2:42-47

1. According to Acts 2:42 what are two things the people of God have devoted themselves to doing and being?

2. What does the term "fellowship" mean to you?

3. What do you think Romans 12:5 adds to the discussion of biblical fellowship? "So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

4. How are you or could you make personal application of the following "one another's" exhortations? How would you add to the list?

   1 Thessalonians 5:11

   Colossians 3:16-17

   Romans 12:10, 16

   Galatians 6:2

5. What does it mean to "discern the will of God"? (v. 2)

6. Take a few minutes and complete the following vital-signs self-assessment.

1) I participate regularly in one of Grace's worship services. ☐ Yes ☐ No

2) Committed relationships with other believers are an essential part of my life. ☐ Yes ☐ No

3) I have at least one person who prays for me regularly and helps me keep my commitments to Christ. ☐ Yes ☐ No

4) I am practicing the "one another's" of being a follower of Christ. ☐ Yes ☐ No

5) I am actively involved in at least one Connection Group at Grace Church. ☐ Yes ☐ No

6) My group is a safe place that encourages vulnerability and transparency. ☐ Yes ☐ No

7) My group is a caring community that supports one another in times of need. ☐ Yes ☐ No

8) My group is helping me understand and apply God's Word. ☐ Yes ☐ No

9) My group is serving others together. ☐ Yes ☐ No

10) I am helping others get connected in Biblical community. ☐ Yes ☐ No

11) I am not a part of a Grace Church Connection Group but desire to become part of one. ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. What action is God impressing upon your heart for you to do?