

Study Notes --

Does being busy necessarily mean you're accomplishing things that are meaningful? Explain your answer.

How can busyness get in the way of doing the most important things?

Before Sunday, were you familiar with the mission of our church? If so, how?

Thinking back to Sunday's message, what spoke to you, inspired you, encouraged you, challenged you, or confused you?

How have you seen the mission and vision of Grace Fellowship lived out?

Read **Ephesians 3:20-21**.

How do these verses match our expectations of what God can and will do?

Even though these verses highlight what God is able to do, do we have no responsibility or should we exert no effort?

Read **John 15:4-5**.

What is the difference between the results of our work if we abide in Christ compare to the results of our work if we do not abide in Him?

Can we do good works and even serve in church without it having a lasting impact? Explain.

Based on the information you heard on Sunday morning about the numbers of 19-35 year olds in the church, does this concern you?

Do you believe we should be intentional about trying to reach this missing age group?

Can we prioritize reaching students and families without neglecting median and older adults? How?

What is the value of a strong small group ministry in the church?

What do you believe the church can do to grow the percentage of members and regular attendees in small groups?

What do you believe is YOUR responsibility in growing our small group ministry?

GRACE NOTES

Message: More

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

Date: Sunday, January 28, 2018

Mission -

Grace Fellowship exists to glorify God by bringing people into a life-changing _____ with Jesus Christ.

Vision -

Grace Fellowship is a community of believers where each person:

- B_____ in Jesus Christ and has a growing faith
- B_____ to a small group where Christian relationships can develop and grow
- B_____ more like Jesus daily in attitude and action.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

(Ephesians 3:14-21)

“Don’t fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don’t act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.” (James 1:22-24)

