



Saturday & Sunday, August 9/10, 2014

Sermon Notes

1Peter 2:21-25; 3:18 "Good News"

Mission Statement: Desert Breeze Community Church exists to provide a place where unchurched people can become <u>fully</u> <u>devoted followers</u> of Jesus Christ. (Jn10:10; 2Cor4:4, 11:3) Fullness of life = Full devotion to Christ!

In order to become fully devoted followers of Christ we encourage and provide for growth through the following stages of Christian maturity:

- → Genuine: Commitment to Christ & a local church family (John1:12; Acts2:42) What will be the center of my life? (Fellowship)
- → <u>Growing</u>: Commitment to the disciplines necessary for spiritual growth (1Pet1:1-3; 2Pet3:18) What will be the character of my life? (Discipleship)
- → <u>Giving</u>: Commitment to using my time, talents & treasures to build up my church family (1Pet4:10; 1Cor12:5, 27) What will be the contribution of my life? (Ministry)
- → Going: Commitment to sharing my faith & spreading the Gospel to the world (Acts1:8; Matt28:19) What will be the communication of my life? (Evangelism)
- → Glorifying: Commitment to these 4G's all for God's glory (1Cor10:31) What will be the chief end of my life? (Worship)

The only appropriate response to Christ completely giving Himself for you is for you to completely live your life for Him. What is your next step in doing that?

## **Growing Notes**

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- 1) DB mission statement: DBCC exists to provide a place where unchurched people can become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. What do you think it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ? How does our theme verse John10:10 relate? How does the thief keep us from fullness of life in Christ (2Cor4:4, 11:3)?
- 2) Read 1Peter 2:21-25, 3:18. What stands out to you from this text? How does this text show us God's love for us, a love this world has never known? Becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ involves commitment but, whatever you give up or lose to follow Him is nothing compared to what you gain. Explain.
- 3) What are the db 5G's to full devotion to Jesus Christ? What does it mean to make a commitment to Christ and a church family ((Jn1:12; Acts2:42)? How important is water baptism in making a public declaration/demonstration/dramatization of your new faith in Christ Jesus (Matt28:19; Rom6:3-4)? What is a Growing Christian committed to & why (1Pet1:1-3; 2Pet3:18)? Why do you think life change happens best in small groups (Heb3:12-13)?
- **4)** What is a Giving Christian committed to & why (1Pet4:10; 1Cor12:5, 27)? Once you've tasted of the greatness & goodness of God you can't help but want everyone you care about to experience it also. How does that reflect the heart of a Going Christian (Acts1:8; Matt28:19)? How are the 1<sup>st</sup> 4G's related & progressive in nature & what should be our motive based on the 5<sup>th</sup> G (1Cor10:31)? Why do you think the only appropriate response to Christ completely giving Himself for you is for you to completely live your life for Him? What is your next step in doing that? Pray that db is a place people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.