



Teaching Notes: Ray Davis

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MOVE - db Heart

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Rom15:1-3; 1Cor10:23-25, 32-33

We want to be a particular kind of church that is radically transformed in our thoughts, feelings and actions because of a deep durable delight in the Beauty & Glory of who Jesus is and what He has done for us that ruins us for anything else (Christian Hedonism!).

Observation: What does it say?

- 1) Theologically the mature Christians are right but in practice they are absolutely wrong.
- 2) It is spiritually immature to live my life, do ministry, or want my home church do be just the way I like it. Because that attitude is not Christ like & consistent with the Gospel.
- 3) The Gospel is that I am saved not by what I do but by what Christ has done (I have all things in Him) therefore I do good for God's sake & my neighbor's.
1Cor. 6:19

Explanation: What does it mean?

We are not a church just for ourselves but...

- 1) A church for our family & friends who don't know the Lord yet.
- 2) For the whole city & its needs, particularly our neighbors and especially the poor.
- 3) To be a catalyst of a movement in the city spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 4) To make a covenant with a local church community to receive & give Gospel ministry.

Application: How does it apply to me?

DB 5G discipleship process:

- Genuine: Commitment to Christ & a local church family
- Growing: Commitment to the disciplines necessary for spiritual growth
- Giving: Commitment to using my S.H.A.P.E. to build up my church family
- Going: Commitment to sharing my faith & spreading the Gospel to the world
- Glorifying: Commitment to these 4G's all for God's glory



Growing

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Read Rom15:1-3; 1Cor10:23-25, 32-33 & do a quick overview of the sermon notes. How would you summarize the heart of db? Read through the partial list of db vision statements below & identify which one(s) of the 5G's each statement best illustrates?

It is the dream... of a place that looks less like a national shrine and more like a sports bar. Less like an untouchable cathedral and more like a Barnes and Noble or a Starbucks. A real non-threatening environment where people feel comfortable inviting their friends and meeting new ones. A place where people look forward to coming to week after week.

It is the dream... of a place where people with hurts, habits and hang-ups can find healing, health and wholeness through a safe environment of openness and honesty, unconditional love and acceptance, encouragement and support.

It is the dream... of a place where worship is not a ritual, routine or a lifeless religious activity, but a deeply moving time to encounter and connect with God and experience His amazing grace and celebrate His irresistible love.

It is the dream... of a place where the Word of God is being communicated in an irresistibly, compelling and creative way, and people are allowing God's Word to rule their daily lives and transform their attitudes, goals, and relationships.

It is the dream... of people who are not just getting lost in the crowd but are getting into small groups, meeting in homes, and enjoying meals together and talking about life issues as they learn to live the Christian life. A place where strangers become friends and friends become family.

It is the dream... of people who are not just going through life but are growing and maturing and becoming more and more like Jesus Christ. Becoming better spouses, healthier parents, harder working employees, infectious and contagiously attractive to unchurched people.

It is the dream... of people who are so in love with God that they are anxiously and aggressively looking for ways to give of their time, talents and treasures to their church family so that it can be built up to more effectively make a difference in people's lives.

It is the dream... of people who are not ashamed of the Gospel because they know it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes, and are therefore doing everything they can to tell others about the life, love and liberty that can be found in a personal relationship with the Creator of the Universe through His Son Jesus Christ.