

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

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

Characteristics of a Fully Devoted Congregation

Philippians 1:1-18

12-7-14

1. Over the past months we have probed the question “what does it mean to be a fully devoted follower of Christ”? A fully devoted follower of Christ makes four vital connections. The book of Philippians reveals to us a fully devoted congregation. Read the first 18 verses of chapter one and identify the signs of FDFOC and write short phrases under the proper headings below.

Connection with God:
Connection with God’s People:
Connection with God-given Ministry:
Connection with God’s World/My Oikos:

2. What is Paul confident will happen in the lives of the Philippian believers? (v.6) Do you share that same confidence? How does it impact your life as a follower of Christ?
3. Why was Paul filled with joy? (v.5)
4. What do you think Paul means in verse five; “your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now”? Look up 2 Corinthians 8:1
5. In what ways are you partnering with others in the gospel? Try to be specific. Ask God to show you new ways you can partner especially with missionaries.
6. Paul makes a faith statement in Philippians 4:12 & 19. He is confident that whether in plenty or little God will supply. What is the basis for Paul’s faith?

What should you do?

Ask God to reveal to you ways in which you can create a stronger partnership in the area of missions. Here are a couple of suggestions.

Adopt a missionary from the missionaries supported by Grace Church and pray regularly for them. Contact them to see what prayer requests they may have. They are listed at www.gracenormal.org/ministries/missions and on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Be intentional in giving to missions through Grace Church. Perhaps you want to participate in our Faith Promise giving.