



YOU & COMPASS

Church Life as it Ought to Be

Dr. Mike Fabarez • Compass Bible Church • September 7 & 8, 2013 • Ministry Fair Weekend • Msg. # 13-27

1. Commit _____ (Ephesians 4)



2. Commit _____ (Hebrews 10)



3. Commit _____ (1 Peter 4)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Luke 12:35-48**. While there are some challenging details in these two parables (which we will eventually tackle when we get there in our study of the Gospel of Luke) how can the core concepts found in these instructive stories help motivate us in our consideration of today's topic?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 3:16-23**. Keeping in mind that the repeated pronoun "you" in the original language is plural in v.16 (i.e., "you all"), how should this description of church life and the church leaders prompt value for and enthusiastic participation in the church?
3. Read **Hebrews 10:23-25**. What would you say to a Christian who tells you he likes to keep to himself and doesn't like small group settings?
4. Read **Acts 2:42-47**. What applicable aspects of this description of the first-century apostolic church challenge you as you consider your participation in the life of the church?
5. Read **1 Peter 4:7-11**. What is (or will be) your ministry post at Compass this fall? How can you make your service reflect this description in a greater way?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

September 8th
Prov.13-14 & 1Cor.16
September 9th
Prov.15-16 & 2Cor.1
September 10th
Prov.17-18 & 2Cor.2
September 11th
Prov.19-20 & 2Cor.3
September 12th
Prov.21-22 & 2Cor.4
September 13th
Prov.23-24 & 2Cor.5
September 14th
Prov.25-27 & 2Cor.6
September 15th
Prov.28-29 & 2Cor.7

Audio and video recordings of today's sermon will be available on the Compass Bible Church website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 09-10 – **Highly Committed Participants: Serving God with Excellence**
Msg. # 12-68 – **Highly Committed Participants: Who They Are & What They Do**
Msg. # 12-69 – **Highly Committed Participants: Sacrifice & Generosity**
Msg. # 08-08 – **Running to Win: Fortifying the Church to Make a Difference**
Msg. # 00-22 – **Catalytic Christians: God's Urgent Instructions for Church Attenders**
Msg. # 04-05 – **Zeroing In on God's Task for Me Right Now**
Msg. # 07-02 – **Motivated by Real Christian Friends**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Berding, Kenneth. "Confusing Word and Concept in 'Spiritual Gifts'" *Journal of the ETS* 43 (2000): 37-51.
Buford, Bob. **Halftime: Changing Your Game Plan from Success to Significance**. Zondervan, 1994.
Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.
Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church**. Zondervan, 2001.
Gorman, Julie. **Community That Is Christian**. Victor Books, 1993.
Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.
Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. **Ephesians 4:1-16. An Exposition on Christian Unity**. Baker Books, 1998.
Murray, Andrew. **Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness**. Bethany House, 2001.
Putnam, Robert. **Bowling Alone: The Collapse & Revival of American Community**. Touchstone, 2001. (Reference on culture.)
Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.
Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1980.
Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.
Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.
Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ**. Moody, 1996.