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A. Our Mission

B. Our Mission vs. “The Missional Church”

Sidebar: “The Church & the Poor”

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2. The Church & Our Fallen World

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3. The Church & Earthly Politics

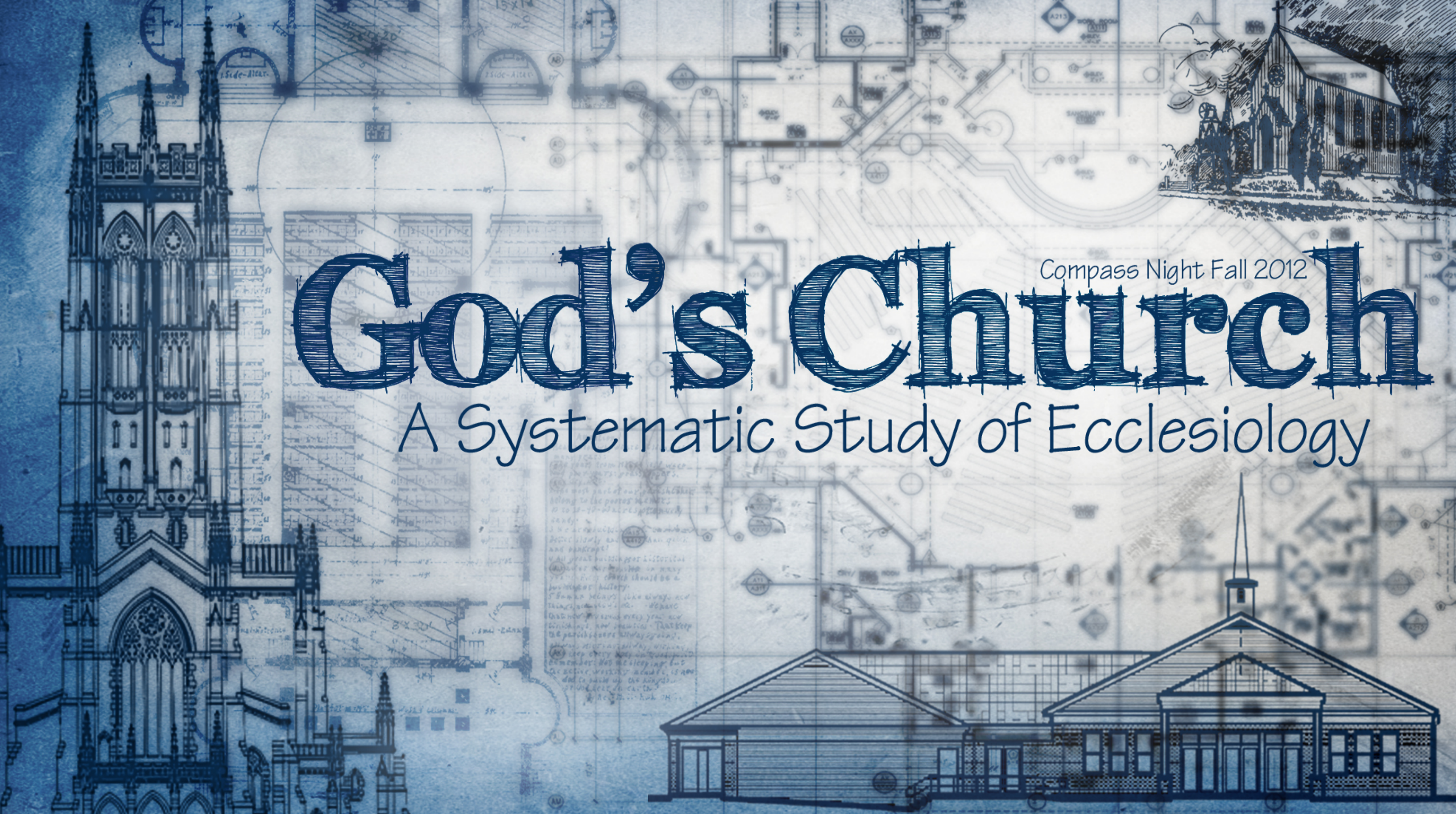
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Compass Night Fall 2012

A Systematic Study of Ecclesiology

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- Christ – John 17:4
 - It was clear to him
 - It was measurable
 - He knew when he accomplished it

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(1 John 5:20) *“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”*

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- **Christ – John 17:4 (→ v.3)**
- **God – Acts 17:26-27**
- **Us – Matthew 28:18-20**

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baptizing them in the name of...

teaching them to observe all that I...

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MAKE DISCIPLES = Learner; Pupil; Disciple

baptizing

teaching

The Structure of Matthew 28:19-20a



The Chronology of Matthew 28:19-20a

“Make Disciples”

Baptizing

(1)

*They were
Baptized*

Teaching

(2)

*They were
Taught*

Go(ing)

(3)

*They were
made to Go*

The Tasks Involved to ***“Make Disciples”***

Baptizing

*To “baptize” a disciple
you must...*

Evangelize

Teaching

*To see a disciple
observe Christ’s
commands you must...*

Teach

Go(ing)

*To have a disciple able
to “go” you must...*

Train

The term “disciple” is used at each stage
People in the process of being
evangelized

- John 2:11 – *This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.* (cf. Jn.6:66)

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taught

Acts 11:26b – *For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.*

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People in the process of being
trained

Luke 6:13 – *And when day came, he
called his disciples and chose from
them twelve, whom he named apostles:*

“Learners” and “Teachers”

- People must “learn” of Christ to be *converted*....
- People must “learn” of Christ to be *taught*....
- People must “learn” of Christ to be *sent*....

The Church Must:

- Foster learning of Christ for *real conversions*....
- Foster learning of Christ for *increasing obedience*....
- Foster learning of Christ for *more evangelism & discipleship*....

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- Just an example...
- There are many historic examples of the church’s “drifting objectives”

Sidebar: “The Church & the Poor”

A. “Surprising” Command for the Church (1 Timothy 5)

B. A Hermeneutical Reminder

- A Nation among Nations vs.
International Organization (under
various governments)

C. Obvious Trans-Testamental Principles

- *Greed / Hording / Stinginess / Generosity*

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D. Biblical Hierarchy of Responsibility

1) Self

2Th.3:10-11 – *For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.*

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2) Immediate Family

1 Timothy 5:8 – *But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

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3) Extended Family

1 Timothy 5:4 – *But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.*

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4) Society / Government Programs

Deut.26:12 – *When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year, which is the year of tithing, giving it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your towns and be filled,*

“Social Safety Net”

Re: Our Tax Dollars to individual needs

- 20% = Social Security (existing retirees)**
 - 15% = Medicare**
 - 7% = Medicaid (disabled, blind, vets, etc)**
 - 16% = Welfare, Housing, Food Stamps, etc**
 - Total = 58% of our taxes go to individuals**
- ➔ 30% of our state taxes go to “health & human services”**

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5) A Christian's Own Church

1Tim.5:3, 5 – *Honor widows who are truly widows. ...She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, 6 but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives*

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1Tim.5:9-10 – *Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work.*

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6) Another Church

Romans 15:26 – *For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.*

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7) Church Contributions to Non-Christians

Galatians 6:10 – *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

2. The Church & Our Fallen World – Mt.5

A. Salt that Preserves (2Th.2)

- *Restrain Evil*

B. Light that Exposes (Eph.5)

- *Promote the Truth*

C. Salty Salt (2Cor.6)

- *Godly Distinctions Guarded*

D. Light that's Seen (1Cor.5)

- *No Monasticism*

3. The Church & Earthly Politics

A. We are Expatriates (Heb.11)

- *Our Ultimate Loyalty is Elsewhere*

B. Submissive Expatriates (Rom.13)


- *Acknowledge their Sanctioned Authority*

C. Influential Expatriates (Lk.3; Ac.24; et al)

- *Represent Truth*

D. Praying Expatriates (1Tim.2)

- *For Freedom to Advance Christ's Cause*



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