



Sermon Notes: The Gospel-Driven Church

1. Leadership.

a. Who they were.

- Elders
- Overseers
- Shepherds

b. What they did.

c. How they did it.

2. Truth.

a. We must stand for the ultimate truth of God's Word.

b. We must stand against false teaching.

3. Grace.

a. Grace is the heart of our Gospel.

b. Grace is the reason and power behind what we do.

4. Community.



Application Questions: The Gospel-Driven Church

1. What did you identify as your most prominent idol last week? What's one thing you did to repudiate that idol?
2. What's your gut reaction when someone calls out false teaching on a matter of faith (orthodoxy) or ethics (orthopraxy)? How do you feel when someone calls out a specific false teacher (demonstrating their error)?
3. Based on this text, especially verses 27-31, how do you think you *should* feel? (Or, if you still don't feel that way, how do you think you should respond nonetheless?)
4. What's wrong with saying, "*Christians shouldn't be negative; we shouldn't be known by what we're against*"? Restate that in a more constructive way that's fair to what Scripture teaches.
5. Since we're commanded to be on the alert against false teaching that twists the meaning of Scripture from its original intent, what do you see as some of the biggest "wolves" in the Christian Church right now?
6. What are some things you might learn by studying and hearing teaching on "the whole counsel of God"? How else might this practice benefit you?
7. What are the alternatives to #6? What are the inherent deficiencies of these other approaches to Scripture?
8. Read John 1:14. What balance do you observe in the character of Jesus? Describe a story in the Gospels where you see this balance playing out.
9. Do you personally lean toward being truthful or being gracious? What do you think others would say of you?
10. What are some practical ways we can work out the tension between truth and grace in our actions and words?
11. What one thing will you do this week to support a Gospel-driven culture at Grace City Denver?