

## Full Devotion @ Oasis

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## **Full-Devotion 101**

**A**s leaders of Oasis, we are constantly assessing our effectiveness in making fully-devoted followers of Jesus. Through much prayer, study, and dialogue, we are convinced that God has given us a mechanism to come closer to Christ's great mandate. It is what we call "**Full-Devotion at Oasis**"

We have observed that both biblically and practically, disciples are forged when the following five elements are personified:

### **Salvation**

They have entered into a saving relationship with God and are striving to develop this relationship.

### **Sunday Morning**

They are committed to the corporate gathering of believers for worship, receiving God's word, and prayer.

### **Small Groups**

They have entered into a community of godly relationships where accountability and care are experienced.

### **Stewardship**

They have embraced the truth that everything they possess is on loan from God. As such, they have embraced the value of supporting the church financially.

### **Service**

They are actively exercising their spiritual gifts for the building up of the church.

## **Full-Devotion 101 (Continued)**

**W**e have taken these five S's of discipleship and have developed a procedure to affirm those who are already committed to a life of discipleship, as well as to challenge others to enter into a life of full-devotion. This procedure includes the following three steps:

### **Full-Devotion Class**

The Full-Devotion Class is a high-energy and engaging seminar of three sessions detailing vital information about what it means to be committed to the local church. The class will cover topics such as:

- Salvation and the Christian Life
- The History and Vision of Oasis
- Doctrinal Essentials and Distinctives
- The 5 S's of Full-Devotion at Oasis

### **Full-Devotion Meeting**

After the last session, if you desire to make a commitment to discipleship at Oasis, we will schedule an appointment for you to meet with a pastor to sign the full-devotion agreement and to begin transitioning into church life.

## **Full-Devotion Agreement**

At the end of your appointment with the pastor, you will be given the opportunity to let us know that you are committed to a life of discipleship at Oasis by signing a Full-Devotion Agreement. This serves both to solidify one's commitment, as well as to provide us with basic administrative information. Each year, we will ask you to reaffirm your commitment to full-devotion at Oasis by resigning this agreement

### **Full-Devotion 101 (Continued)**



**W**e believe that Full-Devotion at Oasis is a God-send. It will enable us to clearly communicate and define commitment to Christ, as well as serve as a tangible way for people to step up their commitment. Throughout this process, we can properly equip believers for the work of service. Furthermore, it enables us to properly care for everyone who steps into the front doors of this church. We look forward with anticipation to the mighty things that God will do through our collective pursuit of fulfilling Jesus' commandment.

## **Full-Devotion 101 (Continued)**

### **eEquip Courses**

Our eEquip courses are designed to provide practical and well-rounded steps towards making the most out of the Christian life. In these courses, we'll cover relevant topics such as the basics of Christianity, the Christian Life, and Church Life. We encourage all those who've gone through eEquip 101 - "Full Devotion," to work their way through this four course curriculum.

#### **eEquip 101 - Merge: "*Full-Devotion At Oasis*"**

eEquip 101 is our basic introduction to our church family and is designed to clearly explain who and what our church is. eEquip 101 is broken into three sessions covering our structure, statements, and strategy. At the end of the course there will be an opportunity for you to decide whether to complete the process by meeting with a pastor, signing the *Full-Devotion Agreement*, and *merging* into community at Oasis.

#### **eEquip 201 - Milestones: "*Foundations*"**

In eEquip 201, we will cover the basic beliefs and practices of a Christian. We'll cover the basics of the Bible, God, Christ, sin, salvation, prayer, Bible reading, community, and good deeds.

#### **eEquip 301 - Maturity: "*Spirit of the Disciplines*"**

During eEquip 301, you will learn habits that will energize and strengthen your spiritual life. You will learn practical steps in making time with God a powerful and transformational part of every day life. Among many topics covered, we will visit prayer, fasting, solitude, and bible memorization.

**eEquip 401 - Missions: "How To Give Away Your Faith"**

In eEquip 401, you will learn how to share the Christian faith in the way that God has designed you. In this course, you'll discover how to share your personal story of salvation, how to make the most of everyday opportunities, as well as be informed in a number of opportunities to share your faith in organized events.

# Session 1

## Oasis Vision Statement, History, Stewardship & Service

Introduction:

- Reasons for Full-Devotion Class
- The History of Oasis Christian Fellowship
- Vision Statement

*"To Be A Church of Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus Christ"*

### I. The Five S's of Full Devotion

- Salvation
- Sunday Mornings
- Small Group
- Stewardship
- Service

### II. The Benefits of Full Devotion

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### III. The Future

### IV. The Challenge

### V. Questions & Answers

## Session 2

### Our Salvation & Our Beliefs

**Jude 1:3** <sup>3</sup> Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

Introduction:

Jude's Important Distinction: Our Faith and The Faith

**1 Timothy 4:16** <sup>16</sup> Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

I. The Fundamentals of *Our Faith*

- A. The Fundamentals of Salvation
- B. The Fundamental Sign of Salvation
- C. The Fundamentals of the Christian Life

II. The Fundamentals of *The Faith*

- A. The Difference Between Essential and Non-Essential Doctrine
- B. Essential Doctrines
- C. Non-Essential Doctrines

1. Non-essentials which are indispensable to church policy

- a. Believer's Baptism
- b. Continuation of Spiritual Gifts
- c. Women In Ministry
- d. Cultural Relevancy of Church
- e. Elder-lead Church Government

## Session 2 (Continued)

2. Non-essentials which are not  
indispensable to church  
policy

### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son].  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.

## **Session 2 (Continued)**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

### **Oasis Statement of Faith**

We believe that the Bible is the God-breathed, infallible Word of God; the only reliable standard for our faith.

We believe in the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, three distinct persons, yet absolutely one being.

We believe in the person of Jesus Christ: the uncreated Creator of all things.

We believe the substitutionary death of Jesus and His shed blood are the all-sufficient payment for our sins.

We believe that salvation is obtained solely by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.

We believe that Christians receive the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit at salvation.

We believe in the future physical return of Jesus Christ.

## Session 3

### Sunday Mornings & Small Groups

#### I. Why are Sundays so important?

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV)*

- A. Sunday is not another day.
- B. A day of rest and worship.
- C. Sunday is not the Sabbath, but the Lord's day.
- D. Expectations
  - 1. Job
  - 2. Sickness
  - 3. Vacation

#### II. Why Small Groups

*“So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church<sup>[a]</sup> daily those who were being saved.”*  
(Acts 2:46-47 KNJV)

- A. Community does not happen by accident.
- B. Church is done best in small groups.
- C. Acts groups are the Body study.

#### III. What happens in an ACTS Group?

#### IV. Where?

#### V. Questions & Answers

## Appendix

### Sample of Full Devotion Agreement

*As a church, Oasis commits to the following ...*

#### **WE WILL PROVIDE MEANINGFUL SERVICES**

- *With inspirational worship*
- *With practical teaching*
- *With dynamic children's and youth ministries*

#### **WE WILL PROVIDE ENRICHING RELATIONSHIPS**

- *Through small groups*
- *Through ministry teams*
- *Through social activities*

#### **WE WILL PROVIDE SPIRITUAL PROTECTION**

- *By teaching sound doctrine*
- *By correcting when necessary*
- *By leading diligently*

#### **WE WILL PROVIDE PRACTICAL CARE**

- *Through our ministries*
- *With our resources*
- *In our relationships*

***As a Fully Devoted Follower of Christ, I commit to the following..***

#### **SALVATION**

- *I have been saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ*

#### **SUNDAY MORNINGS**

- *I commit to consistently attend Sunday Services*

#### **SMALL GROUPS**

- *I commit to being involved in an ACTS Group*

## Full Devotion Agreement (Continued)

### STEWARDSHIP

- *I commit to follow New Testament principals of financial stewardship*

### SERVICE

- *I commit to consistently and actively serve in building God's Kingdom*

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