

# DUTY OR DELIGHT

## SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2010

### IN A NUTSHELL

This weekend's message is a reminder for all Christians to develop the mind of Christ and to "learn from Him." The ministry of Christ was not about developing a religion but about developing a relationship with Him. As Bruce Milne states in his book, *Know the Truth*, ". . . the heart of the Christian experience of the Holy Spirit lies in his bringing us into a living relationship to Jesus Christ," and "that being a believer means to be united to Christ." John Maxwell encourages us to enjoy, accept, and follow the example of Christ.

### TALK IT OUT

1. During the ministry of Christ, He selected a group of 12 followers/apostles to teach and train. His purpose was to pass His vision on to them and for the apostles to pass it on to others. Discuss some ways that you and your group are passing on the message of Christ in this generation. If not, what can you start doing now?
2. Jesus taught His disciples to watch Him, follow His example, then to into practice these principles. In your daily life, are you modeling the life of Christ in the way you treat others? How can you improve in doing this? Do you spend time daily reading your Bible?
3. Jesus invites us to "take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart." Do you think that Jesus can reduce your anxiety about a life situation you are facing? How can you bring your troubles to his attention? What can you expect to happen?
4. In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus describes how following Him will ease your burdens and let you live free with delight in your heart. Discuss this scripture and how you can live this way.

### DRAW IT OUT

The ministry of Christ was developed with a few men -- not by mass marketing. He spent much of His time teaching the apostles about His mission and the glory of God. He was in a small group ministry to spread the good news of God's plan for salvation. "If Christianity is dull and boring, if it is a burden and not a blessing, then most likely we are involved in a project, not a Person. A system, not a Savior, rules rather than a relationship." -- Joseph Stowell.

### LIVE IT

Join "a few good men" at the Friday morning ***Honor Guard Men's Prayer Meeting and Breakfast*** at the South Chapel. ***The Honor Guard Regimental Dinner*** will be held at the Cafe 242 on Tuesday September 7. Register online so that the correct number of meals can be prepared. The ***INFUSE gathering*** for all "Volunteers" will be held at the Gardens Campus on Friday, September 10. Don't miss the Classic Car Show at 6:00 pm!