

Let us - Week 2

Grow Into Maturity

CONNECT

- **What is your favorite board game? Why do you like it so much?**
- **Recall a time when someone taught you a new skill or idea. How did you feel?**
- **Which habit do you want to change?**

WORD

[1] Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, [2] and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. [3] And this we will do if God permits.

Hebrews 6:1-3 ESV

Certain elementary teachings are essential for all believers to understand. Those basics include the importance of faith, repentance, the foolishness of trying to be saved by good deeds, the meaning of baptism and spiritual gifts, and the truth of resurrection and eternal life. These are the primary and vital spiritual foundations that must be laid solidly in a believer's life. To go on to maturity in our understanding, we need to move beyond (but not away from) the elementary teachings to a more complete understanding of the faith. What are some actions we can do to progress beyond elementary teachings?

1. Let Us Establish Spiritual Discipline in our life.

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Ephesians 6:18a

We are being renewed in our mind and experience transformation as we develop a lifestyle of reading the Word and communing with God through prayer. We receive revelation of who Jesus is and learn the things of His kingdom from the Bible. We grow a greater desire for Christ as we deepen our knowledge of Him. Ultimately, we establish spiritual disciplines to be more intimate with the Lord. How can we invest more time and energy for our personal spiritual growth?

2. Let Us Find Our Place In The Church.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many...

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12: 24, 27

As believers, we need to be connected to the body of Christ. In church, we develop connection and relationships so that we can help one another grow spiritually. God has also called us to actively participate and be involved in the mandate of advancing His kingdom through this church. You are an integral part of the church and you have to play the role that the Lord has purposed you to be. What's one thing that you appreciate about the church? How can you continue to share life in the church as you serve God together?

3. Let Us Keep Learning and Receiving Instructions.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.

Proverbs 10:17

It takes discipleship for us to learn and understand the commands of Jesus and how we can follow and apply His teachings in our lives. The truth shapes our lives and we need each other for help and guidance. We can't say to ourselves that we know enough and need no further learning. In order for us to be mature, we need to open our hearts and minds when given godly instructions through others. Who do you allow to speak into your life? What are some proactive ways you can look out for each other in your community?

4. Let Us Grow Together In A Community.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

As followers of Jesus, we have to grow in wisdom, in faith, in character, to be more Christlike. This will reflect in the choices we make and through our attitudes in life. Growth happens by sharing lives together among people with common interests living in a particular area. Why did God design the church to be a group of people in a particular place? These people that God surrounds us with whether they annoy us or bring delight to us is God's way of teaching us kindness, humility, generosity, forgiveness, and gratitude among the fruit of the Spirit. We learn to apply God's command to love Him with all our heart when we start to live with others and love them even when they are not lovable.

Now What?

- Are there some parts of your life where you find it difficult to apply the truth? How can you experience breakthrough in that area?
- Whose lives do you lovingly speak into? In what ways can you grow your faith as you invest in your godly relationships?
- Have you ever struggled with a lack of desire for the Word? How did you overcome it? What are some of the action steps you will take in order to grow your desire to read and meditate on His Word?
- Are you part of a church community that Christ can use to draw others in and change lives? What can you do to grow in your faith with other believers?

PRAYER

- Pray for spiritual hunger and thirst for every member of the church.
- Thank God for the gifts He has given us, with which we serve others. Thank Him for the opportunity to share life with others who walk in fellowship with Him.
- Ask God for opportunities to serve others and speak God's words.
- Intercede for the members of your Victory group to have the motivation to preach the gospel to their friends and relatives. Pray for the salvation of your family members.