

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. When you were young, did you want to grow up?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. What did you want to be when you were growing up?

3. What would have happened if you never graduated from the highchair, or the sippy cup?
What would people think of you!

4. Please read Hebrews 6:1. Compare this verse with 1 Cor 13:11; Lk 2:52; and Eph 4:15.
According to these verses what is the will of God for your life?

5. Do a quick self-assessment. When you look at spiritual disciplines, are they greater today compared to a year ago?
 - a. Are you reading the bible more?
 - b. Are you serving God more? Are you sharing your faith more?
 - c. Are you giving more?

6. Please read Hebrews 5:11. What does a person look like who is "Spiritually dull and doesn't seem to listen?"

7. According to John 10:3-5, how important is it to hear God?

8. Pastor Ruben said, "There is no neutral in your walk with God. you are either growing or shrinking." How would you categorize your spiritual life right now? Are you in neutral, growing, or shrinking?

9. Please read Hebrews 5:12-14. God compares our physical life with our spiritual life. What do you think “Solid food” looks like compared to “needing milk?” What’s the difference between the two?

10. What are you motivated to do or be in your life right now? (Not what you should be motivated to do, but what is motivating you right now). Please read Matthew 5:6. What does this verse say about motivation?

11. What do you think about this quote from the REVEAL Study? “The longer those who are exploring Christ have attended church, the slower their spiritual growth. The majority of those who have attended church for more than five years - and have not made a decision for Christ - are often satisfied with a life marked by limited spiritual momentum. They become spiritually indifferent.” (Greg Hawkins, REVEAL Study)

12. What do you think about this quote? “The Bible is like an ocean, deep enough to drown an elephant, but shallow enough at the shore for a toddler to play.” - Anonymous. Are you at the shore or in the deep ocean? What is preventing you from going out deeper?

Application

Below are the main points of the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God wants you to grow up. Every passing year, there should be a marked difference in your spiritual obedience, faithfulness, and understanding of God’s word for your life.
- He wants you to grow in your understanding of His love, His grace, His purpose, and His righteousness. God wants you to learn His will for your life.
- There is no neutral in your walk with God. Either you are growing or you’re shrinking.