

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH ... IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK IT IS

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Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued in our series, Building a Life that Matters, focusing on the foundation and result of spiritual growth when it takes hold of our lives. Change occurs, relationships deepen, hearts open, and hands get busy doing the Lord's work. Marty reminded us that spiritual growth encompasses the head (knowing), the heart (being), and hands (doing). All three must be present and flourishing in our lives to grow into a deeper knowledge, love, and compassionate response to Jesus and others. This is not a checklist, it is a relationship. God is there to do his part, we need to show up and take the responsibility to do ours.

### SCRIPTURE

#### COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

<sup>6</sup> And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. <sup>7</sup> Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

#### MATTHEW 22:37-40

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

#### COLOSSIANS 3:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Marty's message?
  
2. Read the scripture above. What is the foundation and result of strong faith?

3. These are the questions Marty asked during his sermon. Ask them of yourself and each other:
  - a. Do you have a desire to know God and discover what he has in the plans for you?
  - b. Do you find it easier to forgive?
  - c. Do you have an increasing and growing faith?
  - d. Are you allowing the world to influence your relationship with God and others?
  - e. Do you have a growing love for other people?
  - f. Do you have a growing desire for others to know the love and forgiveness available?
  
4. How are you engaging your head, heart, and hands in your spiritual walk?
  
5. What can you do to increase the intensity of your experience with Jesus?
  
6. How can we pray for you?

## **PRAYER**

Thank God for his love and forgiveness for you in all circumstances. Be committed to pray for deeper knowledge, open heart, and active compassion as an outcrop of your faith. Allow God to bring to mind those you need to forgive, and those who you need to ask for forgiveness. Start with God – confess (envy, malice, judgment, greed, etc). Receive his forgiveness and then extend the same forgiveness and chance to live in God's full grace.