

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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“Real spiritual need and change, as we have emphasized, is on the inside, in the hidden area of the life that God sees and that we cannot even see in ourselves without his help.”

- Dallas Willard, *Renovation of the Heart*

This week, Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs, continued our series, *Movementum*, with a message challenging us to evaluate whether we are growing in our spiritual life. It is easy to fall into childish ways when it comes to our faith, and we can't grow or move forward until we let go of our childish ways. How do we know if we are spiritually immature and how do we grow? One thing is for sure: outward signs do not indicate an inward heart change. Nothing without love. With love, all these things become magnified and more useful. Love is essential to spiritual maturity. Love is an outward indication of an inward spiritual maturity.

SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY

- Bible knowledge becomes more prideful than helpful
- When your God stories are more about you than about God's work though you
- When time spent in church means more than time being the church

HOW DO YOU GROW?

- Overcome and let go of childish ways
- Indicators of spiritual growth:
 - Do I have an interest in knowing what God thinks of me and calls me to?
 - Do I find it easier to forgive others who've hurt me?
 - Do I have a growing desire to build a strong faith?
 - Do I have a growing love for other people?
 - Do I have an awareness of my own tendency to give into temptations that are harmful?
 - Do I have a growing desire for God to speak into every area of my life?

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 22:36-40 NLT

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

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

MATTHEW 25:34-40 NLT

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

³⁷ "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Marty's message?
2. Read Matthew 22:36-40. What are the two commandments equal in importance?
3. Have you considered these commandments differently before (one more important than the other)? How so?
4. Read Matthew 25:34-40. What are ways to spend more time being the church than time in the church?
5. Who in your circle of influence do you need to feed, clothe, visit?
6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for the gifts and resources he has provided so that you can love others as you love him. Ask him to search your heart and help you continue to mature spiritually throughout your life.