

Life Group Questions – November 5, 2017

Catalysts for Spiritual Growth – Practical Teaching

1. Pastor Kevin said that he believed that most of us at church are desirous of having a stronger faith, the ability to trust God more and to be more like Jesus. If you were to chart your spiritual journey in faith what would it look like? Could you trace the ups and downs? Where are you now? Are you trying to figure out Christianity, struggling to put your faith into action, complacent or spiritually lethargic, or perhaps passionately following Jesus?

2. Do you recall a time when you experienced an accelerated spiritual growth? What do you attribute that to?

3. How was God's Word a part of your becoming a follower of Jesus?

4. The ministry of teaching the Bible in the church is essential to the health and growth of believers. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. The apostle Paul is encouraging Timothy, realizing his time on earth with his young protégé would be short. He was warned about false teachers and persecution that was coming and encouraged him in the importance of the Scriptures. He says that they are useful for what to believe, to avoid, change and how to live. The purpose of all this is that we might be equipped to be all God wants us to be. Practically applying the Bible is the key to this. Are there one or two areas (know, avoid, change, do) that are most appropriate for you at this time in your life? What are they and why did you select them?

5. An important catalyst in accelerating spiritual growth is practical application. Unapplied Scripture is as useless as unapplied paint. What can you do to be more faithful in doing what the Bible says? Is there any area that you are currently struggling with? Make a commitment to obey now. Perhaps it would be helpful to share with your group for prayer.