

Small Group Discussion Questions - Fall Semester // Week 5

Remember, these questions are just tools for discussion. You don't need to 'get through them all'. Use the questions that are helpful, skip the questions that are not. And let the conversation flow naturally.

Optional Ice Breaker(s)

- a) What is the biggest way you've changed since you were a child? In what way are you still the same?
- b) What is something important a grandparent or older mentor taught you?

Passage and Discussion

- a) Read **Ephesians 4:11-14**. According to this passage, what is the purpose of those in church leadership? Is this different than we typically assume?
- b) Think about **v14**. Would you say that we are prone to what is described here? What are some examples of our culture or the church being 'blown here and there'?
- c) Read **2 Peter 1:5-8**. When you look at your life, would you say that you possess these qualities in 'increasing measure'? How does one 'add these things to their faith'?
- d) Has there been an individual who has discipled you, someone who has helped you to maturity? What about them do you admire that enabled them to speak into your life?
- e) Read **Hebrews 10:24**. Who has "spurred" you on in your faith? How did they do it?
- f) Do you have anyone that you are spurring on in their faith?
- g) Read **Hebrews 5:11-14**. How would you define spiritual milk vs. solid food, in today's terms? What would be examples of each?
- h) According to **v14**, spiritual maturity comes neither from isolated events nor from a great spiritual burst. It comes from a steady application of spiritual discipline. In which ways can we develop spiritual disciplines in our lives?
- i) Do you believe it is possible to love God and to not dedicate time to know Him through His word?
- j) Read **Colossians 1:9-10**. How important is the 'so that' in this verse, regarding our increasing knowledge and wisdom?

- k) On Sunday, Cam talked about not becoming FAT Christians. Would you say that your faith is 'in shape' (balances input and output), or would you define yourself as skinny (little growth, much service) or fat (much growth, little service)?
- l) Was there anything else on Sunday that stood out to you as impactful or challenging?

Take it Home (Optional Ideas for Response this Week)

- a) Have you been baptized? Why/why not? If you haven't, what steps do you need to take to be obedient to the Lord's nudging?
- b) Do you think you need to grow in your capacity to serve? What are some steps you can take to grow in this area?

Optional Ideas for Prayer Time

- a) What are some habits you need to change or add in order to become mature? Spur each other on in these areas by taking some time to pray for each other.
- b) Pray for those in our community who were baptized this week.

Opportunities to Gather, Grow, Go

Gather: Weekly Zoom Prayer Gathering - Thursdays @8 pm

Grant holds a Virtual Prayer Room every Thursday evening from 8:00 - 8:30, for the entire congregation. The prayer time is led by the Elders of the church. Come with your requests and join us as we lift our concerns to the God of the Universe. The link to join is at Grant's website.

GO: Youth for Christ Winnipeg Virtual Banquet - October 19th @7pm

You are invited to a watch party for the virtual YFC Winnipeg banquet on Tuesday, October 19th from 7-8:15pm in the Fellowship Hall at Grant Memorial. This will be a time to learn more about the ministries of YFC and to hear GMC endorsed missionary Mark Dupuis share about his work as Senior Ministry Director there. This is a virtual fundraiser where you can support Mark in prayer, encouragement and financially. Desserts and coffee will be provided. Please advise of any food allergies when you register. Please register with Mark Dupuis at mark.dupuis@yfcwinnipeg.ca or at 204-891-8422.