WEEK 4: IT'S TIME TO GROW UP

SCRIPTURE GUIDE

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

MAIN FOCUS

Wisdom from God is given through the Holy Spirit. Pastor Antonio Thomas shared with us that spiritual maturity comes through this spiritual wisdom. Part of maturity is unity within the local church. This doesn't come through "good" believers, or anything else, but the cross.

The church at Corinth struggled with unity and with spiritual maturity. As Paul wrote to them, he referred to the multiple times as spiritual infants. They weren't growing!

Later in the book of Philippians, Paul tells this church to "work out your salvation". It is by grace alone, by faith alone, through Christ alone, to God's glory alone. Salvation that happens on the inside is demonstrated on the outside. It requires effort on the believer's part. This is our role.

Antonio outlines in his message that a great reflection of spiritual maturity is our relationship with one another. Below is a list of "one anothers" found in the New Testament:

Be at peace with one another (Mark 9:50)

Don't grumble with one another (John 6:43)

Be of the same mind with one another (Romans 12:6, 15:5)

Accept one another (Romans 15:7)

Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)

Greet one another with a Holy kiss (1 Peter 5:14)

Be patient with one another (Ephesians 4:2)

Be kind and tender with one another (Ephesians 4:32)

Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)

Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)

Love one another (John 13:34, Romans 13:8, 1 Peter 1:22, etc.)

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Ephesians 4:13

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. What does the wisdom of God look like?
- 2. How do I define spiritual maturity?
- 3. When have I experienced a "one another" practiced toward me?
- 4. Paul contrasts the "natural" vs. the "spiritual" man. Have you experienced this transition in your own life? What did it look like?
- 5. Paul emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in revealing God's wisdom. How have you experienced the guidance and illumination of the Holy Spirit in your journey of understanding spiritual truths?
- 6. How can I tell that I am growing in my faith?
- 7. Do I know God's will and desire for my life?



