

OUR MISSION & MEASURES

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MAIN POINT

A healthy disciple is a growing disciple.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

What is a skill or hobby that you have developed over a long period of time?

What growth have you observed in your ability? To what do you attribute your growth?

What about your faith? How can you tell if your faith is growing?

> READ 1 PETER 2:2.

The word translated *desire* in this verse literally means “to crave.” What is something that you crave? Would you say that you crave God? Why or why not?

How do we change our desires so that we crave God?

Have you ever cared for a newborn child? How often do newborns crave food? What type of relationship did Peter say we should have with God?

According to Peter, the growth we are looking for comes from “the pure milk of the word.” Why is it important that we seek nourishment from a source where we can find it? Where are some inappropriate places we are tempted to look for growth?

How does having a goal help you make progress in your personal or professional growth? What is the end goal of growth in Christ?

What motivates you to go after God?

> READ ACTS 17:11.

How do the people you know determine if something is true or not? How do you?

Our second point on this measure talks about how we “discover more of who God is.” What does it mean for truth to be discovered? How does the way Christians encounter truth differ from the way others find it?

How do you think Paul felt about the eagerness of the Bereans, especially in light of the trouble he had received from the Thessalonians?

When have you found the Word of God to be nourishment for your soul?

How does one’s view of Scripture impact his or her desire to read and study Scripture? Do you approach God’s Word more like a Thessalonian or a Berean? Explain.

Why is it important that we read God’s Word daily?

> READ COLOSSIANS 4:2.

What does it mean to be devoted to something? To what or to whom are you most devoted?

Why is a vibrant prayer life evidence of one’s intimacy with and devotion to God?

What are some reasons that you don’t devote yourself to prayer? How can you overcome these barriers to cultivating a growing prayer life?

Paul also wrote that we should “stay alert.” What would change about your life if you were alert for opportunities to pray for others? What are some ways you can stay alert?

> APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What is going on in your heart when you don’t desire God? When have you walked through one of these periods in your faith? How did you come out of it, if you have?

Study happens best when we have a plan. What plan do you have to study the Word of God? How do we follow a plan without it simply becoming a box that we check off with no real heart commitment?

Most Christians are less committed to prayer than they would hope. Where in your schedule will you carve out time to meet with God?