



## LIFEgroup Homework

Week of April 22, 2007

### **Keys to a Lasting Legacy**

Maturity in Christ

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What will you be remembered for at the end of your life? What kind of legacy will you leave for those who follow? This is not only a good question for each of us as individuals, it is a great question for us as a church. Should the Lord delay His return, what we leave for those who follow? Will we be an inspiration of what it means to make the most of life for His glory? Or will we be an illustration of a group that had great potential, but lost their way? This week Pastor Stan reminded us of our primary purpose in Christ, to make disciples of Christ to the ends of the earth.

#### **Sharing Questions**

- 1) Give one illustration from high school that illustrates what immaturity looked like in your life as a teenager.
  
  - 2) Who was most influential in your maturity process to adulthood?
  
  - 3) Why are you choosing to attend this LIFEgroup? How do you hope to benefit from this group in the coming weeks?
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## **Homework:**

Your LIFEgroup will be enjoying a potluck this week, so be sure to connect with your leader to know if the group is meeting earlier than usual, and what you can bring. Contact Janell at 916-652-7216 if you have not heard from your LIFEgroup leader and don't have a way to contact him or her.

In this first week, your leader will be discussing the direction and purpose of the group for the next nine weeks. This is a fun time to get to know others in the group and encourage one another to make the most of this next season of spiritual growth.

In the sermon this week, Pastor Stan mentioned four types of people found in 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3.

### *Natural Person (2:14)*

A Pre-Christian – living by the world's standards, and dead to spiritual truth.

### *Spiritual Person (2:15)*

A mature believer who has the mind of Christ to see things from God's perspective. This person thinks God's thoughts and is able to make God honoring decisions.

### *Babe in Christ (3:1)*

This is a brand new believer. It is impossible for this person to be mature because they were just born. They can be passionate and on fire, but they cannot be full grown.

### *Carnal Christian (3:2-3)*

Not a spiritual baby anymore, but acting like one. This person should know how to live with a heavenly perspective, but acts and thinks like an unbeliever.

How would you describe your current spiritual condition?  
What do you want it to be?

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## **Read Ephesians 4:14-16**

According to this passage, what are the ways that spiritual babies are vulnerable to error? How can a newborn believer in Christ grow up? (v15)

## **Reach 1 John 2:12-14**

John lists three different categories of spiritual maturity, children, young men and fathers. After reading this passage, write a definition in your own words that describes each of these levels of spiritual maturity.

Children:

Young Men

Fathers

What would you say to encourage believers at each level to continue the process of growing to maturity in Christ?

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## Read Colossians 1:28-29

The word “perfect” is also translated “mature.” None of us will ever reach sinless perfection on this earth, but we can continue to walk the path to maturity. We expect a two year old to stumble and fall. This is “perfectly” normal for a two year old. You wouldn’t tell that two year old that he or she is a failure and should give up trying to walk. The goal for the two year old is to lengthen the distance between falls. Rewrite these two verses in your own words.

What insights in this passage are important for mentoring others in the spiritual growth process?

In order to help people grow to spiritual maturity in Christ, our church has three steps to getting involved and engaged in our church. Describe your understanding of the purpose of each tool:

1. The Newcomer’s Class
2. LIFEgroups
3. The New Member Class

## Memory Verses:

**Colossians 1:28-29** We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. <sup>29</sup>To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. NIV

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