

The Antioch Dream: Equipping Believers

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The Antioch Dream:

Joining with God to bring the nations to the gospel and the gospel to the nations.

The Antioch Priorities:

Engaging neighbors. Equipping believers. Empowering leaders.

Equipping Believers:

· The need for maturity

· The mark of maturity

· The path to maturity

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? Why?
3. Read Colossians 1:28-29. According to these verses, what was Paul's ambition in ministry?
4. In your own words, explain what it means to be "fully mature in Christ" (Col 1:28). What are some characteristics we would see in someone who was "mature in Christ"?
5. Who is someone in your life who is relatively "mature in Christ"? How did they become this way? What do you appreciate about them?
6. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12. Describe a time when the word of God cut right to your heart? How did this happen? How did you respond?
7. Read James 1:22-25. What are some dangers of merely hearing the word and not doing it? What are some blessings of hearing AND doing the word?
8. What is an area of your life where God has changed you? How did God do this?
9. What is an area of your life where you still long to see change? What are one or two steps you could take to make sure you're not still struggling in this same area in a year or five years from now?
10. In what ways has God used groups (such as Home Groups or ABFs at Forcey) to further your spiritual growth?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Plug into a Group or Class (Adult Bible Fellowship - ABF) with Forcey - www.forcey.org/ministries/groups

Take a Spiritual Growth Assessment - bit.ly/spiritualgrowthassess

Read Colossians 1:28-29, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 5:11-6:3, James 1:22-25, 1 Peter 2:1-3

Read "How to Grow Spiritually" - <https://bit.ly/growspiritual>

Read "5 Signs of Maturity in Christ" - <https://bit.ly/maturechristian>

Read "How to Study the Bible" - <https://bit.ly/howtostubible>

Read "The Model: Becoming More Like Christ"

- <https://bit.ly/morelikechrist>

Listen to "More Like Jesus"

- <https://bit.ly/morelikejesussong>

