



MESSAGE GROUPS - GROWN UP FAITH - WEEK 5 - MARCH 10

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

Part of growing up means answering the difficult questions of life. Questions like: “*Is life an accident of am I here on purpose?*” and “*Why do bad things happen to good people?*” are asked at some point in everyone’s lives. Leaning on God for the big answers to these larger-than-life questions allows us to “grow up” in our faith and begin experiencing life the way that God designed it.

ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever been half-in and half-out of something? How did being half-engaged affect your relationship, job, education, etc.?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

As Christians, we look different from the world because God sees us as a new creation. He has made us holy and reconciled our relationship with Him. In **1 Peter 2:9**, we are called a chosen people, holy nation, and special possession.

- **Q:** *God created the church as a place for his people to be “all in.” How has being a part of the local church made an impact in your relationship with God? Why do you think it matters that we are “all in”?*

Read **John 17:15-17** aloud. We are called, like Christ, to be IN the world but not OF the world. This means we are to be in relationship with those who are in sin, but we do not live in sin—we are battling it, not settling with it in our lives.

- **Q:** *How can you build relationships with people far from Christ without settling for sin in your life?*
- **Q:** *How does knowing that we are meant to put off our old self (sin) and put on a new self (God’s truth) change our mindset about sin in our past and in the lives of others?*

In **John 17:11**, we are called to be one as Jesus and God were one. We were made for community in church to grow together and love each other.

- **Q:** *Whether you have been on the giving or receiving side of a strong community, it’s clear we need each other. How has community played a role in strengthening your faith?*

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Leaders: Encourage your group to ask these questions throughout the day as a “heart check”:

- **Q:** *Am I living for others? What practical changes can I change in my life to practice living for others?*

