

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe your plan for developing spiritual maturity in your personal walk with Jesus Christ.

2. What are some outward indicators that a person is maturing in their walk with Jesus Christ?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about spiritual maturity:
 - a) I Corinthians 13:11
 - b) I Corinthians 14:20
 - c) Ephesians 4:11-16
 - d) Hebrews 5:14
 - e) Hebrews 6:1
 - f) I Peter 2:2
 - g) II Peter 3:18

4. In verse 48, Jesus calls the disciples “witnesses.” Why is our personal testimony a powerful way to present the Gospel to others?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - ☐ I am going to establish a systematic Bible reading plan that includes reading through the Gospels.
 - ☐ I am going to write out my personal testimony so I can share it with another person in three minutes or less.
 - ☐ I am going to memorize Hebrews 5:14.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 24:44-48

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Study Series #108

Maturing in Our Faith

I. Introduction

A. The Growing Eagle

(See Job 39:27; Obadiah 1:4; Deuteronomy 32:11; Isaiah 40:31)

B. The Maturing Disciple

(See Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Mark 16:12-13; John 20:1-10; John 20:19-23; I Corinthians 15:5)

II. Maturing in Our Faith

A. The Words of Jesus

(See Luke 24:44; I Peter 2:21; Matthew 9:9; Matthew 19:21; Luke 5:27; John 21:22; John 13:15; Philippians 3:17; I Corinthians 1:11; Romans 15:15; I Corinthians 4:17; II Timothy 2:14; Titus 3:1; II Peter 1:12; Jude 1:5; Matthew 27:5; Luke 10:37; John 13:27)

B. The Prophecies of the Past

(See Luke 24:44; Genesis 3:15; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Isaiah 53:4-6; Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 16:9-11; Psalm 22:1-31; Romans 10:17; Joshua 21:45; Joshua 23:14; Deuteronomy 13:1-18)

C. The Inspiration of the Holy Spirit

(See Luke 24:45; Ephesians 5:18; Acts 4:8; Acts 4:31;
Acts 11:23-24; Acts 6:3-7)

“All Word and no Spirit, we dry up; All Spirit and no Word,
we blow up; both Word and Spirit, we grow up.”

I Believe in the Church, by David Watson

D. The Promises of the Future

(See Luke 24:46-47; Romans 5:5; I John 3:2-3)

E. The Personal Testimony of Our Life

(See Luke 24:48; Psalm 34:8; Acts 1:8; II Timothy 2:2;
Acts 9:1-19; Acts 16:1-3; I Corinthians 4:17)

III. Conclusion

IV. Communion

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Corinthians 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

Passage of Study

Luke 24:44-48

⁴⁴ Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Cross-Reference Passage of Study

Acts 1:3-8

³ To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of* forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. ⁴ Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” *He said*, “you heard of from Me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; ⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Suggested Reading:

The Bible Jesus Read, by Philip Yancey (1999)

The Bible Jesus Read, by Thomas McCall & Zola Levitt (1978)

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