

SEASONS

ADULTS & STUDENTS DISCUSSION GUIDE

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EVERY SEASON OF LIFE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AS A PERSON AND AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST.

DISCUSS:

- 2 PETER 3:18 -

- WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM GROWING UP AS A KID? WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT THE LIFE STAGE YOU ARE IN RIGHT NOW?
- SOMEONE READ 2 PETER 3:18. PETER ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS TO PURSUE SPIRITUAL MATURITY THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD. HE ALSO REPEATEDLY POINTS TO THE WORD OF GOD AS THE PRIMARY MEANS OF GROWTH FOR THE CHRISTIAN. HAVE YOU SEEN A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOUR SEASONS OF GROWTH AND THE WORD OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE? EXPLAIN.
- ACCORDING TO PASTOR DARRYL, SEASONS OF TRANSITION ARE TIMES WHERE YOU EXPERIENCE SUDDEN OR SIGNIFANT CHANGE. RECALL A SEASON OF TRANSITION THAT YOU WENT THROUGH AND DESCRIBE THE CHANGE THAT HAPPENED DURING THAT TIME.
- READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:11-12. SHOULD SPIRITUAL GROWTH BE OPTIONAL FOR THE CHRISTIAN? EXPLAIN.

APPLY:

- ACCORDING TO 2 PETER 3:18, WE SEE THAT SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS TO BE (1) CONTINUOUS, (2) IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CURRENT SEASON, (3) IN THE SPHERE OF GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST, AND (4) FOR THE GLORY OF GOD. HOW DO WE GROW IN BOTH GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST?
- ALBERT MOHLER WRITES, "HUMAN LIFE INEVITABLY PROGRESSES THROUGH FOUR STAGES: (1) THE WONDER OF CHILDHOOD, (2) THE ENERGY OF YOUTH, (3) THE ENDURANCE OF ADULTHOOD, AND (4) THE GLORY OF AGE. IF EACH STAGE OF LIFE COMES AS A GIFT FROM GOD, THEN CHRISTIANS MUST EMBARK ON THE WORTHY TASK OF THINKING BIBLICALLY ABOUT LIFE'S PROGRESSION." HOW CAN THIS HELP YOU SEE YOUR CURRENT STAGE OF LIFE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AND MATURE?
- WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE IS GOD PUTTING HIS FINGER ON IN THIS SEASON? HOW IS THIS PREPARING YOU FOR THE NEXT SEASON OF YOUR LIFE?
- IF SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, WHAT IS ONE PRACTICAL WAY THAT YOU CAN ENSURE THAT YOUR GROWTH BOTH DISPLAYS THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST AND FURTHERS THE GOSPEL THROUGH YOUR LIFE?

PRAY TOGETHER:

- PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: TO GROW CONTINUOUSLY IN EVERY SEASON IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS.

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