

Small Group Interaction Questions:

MEANWHILE: The Church that lives and waits
“Grow Up!” 11/23/08
1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Dear Friends,

If you are not growing, you are dying. If you aren't stretching toward new things, you are settling into the status quo. Peter is calling the Living Church to a life of continuous and vibrant growth. This growth does not come from an obsession for perfection, nor a toxic discontent. It comes from our new nature, which was given us by “imperishable seed.” We have the DNA of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That is a living, growing, motivating desire within each Christ-follower to become more and more like the Master. Wow! How much more incentive could we have? Each one of us is being prodded by the Holy Spirit to grow in some way each day. I hope this Small Group exercise will encourage you to take one more step.

Pastor Roger

- 1) Read I Peter 1:22—2:3. Notice the movement of the passage: obeying the truth (1:22). . . new birth (1:23). . . enduring word (1:24-25). . . new behavior (2:1). . . cultivated hunger (2:2). . . continuous growth (2:2) . . . ALL BASED ON GOD'S GOODNESS (2:3)
- 2) In what ways did your new birth experience make you hungry for God? How has that hunger been fed over the years? What were the means, and who were you mentors?
- 3) There are many ways to grow. Consider your past diet, and ask yourself this question: What is the next way for me to stretch toward growing up spiritually?

- Biblical literacy
- Theological Grounding
- Relational connectedness
- Emotional maturity
- Vocational Significance

Share this with the group.

- 4) “Love one another deeply from the heart.” (I Peter 1:22) This has both individual and corporate applications.

Share an instance where you have chosen to grow in your love toward another believer instead of rejecting him/ her and walking away.

In our days of economic, political, and emotional uncertainty, how should the Living Church be deepening in its love for one another?