

# DISCUSSIONNOTES

10.11.20

# JUST PASSING THROUGH

Today's verses focus on the need to grow spiritually. Grab a pen and paper and write down three reasons to grow spiritually. Discuss each other's answers and then read of Paul's frustration with the Corinthian Christians in **1 Corinthians 3:1-2**.

One of the major points Jamie made in that we all need to grow is so we'll have strength to endure trouble. Read **Mark 4:16-17**. How might a mature Christian endure troubles differently than a new Christian? Read **1 Peter 2:2-3**. How can you tell the difference between a person who is just skimming the surface in contentment, then a person who is deeply and richly invested in the nourishment of God's truths? Discuss.

Read **1 Peter 1:13**. We all know we are taught by society to feel more than we are to think or learn. *"If it FEELS good"*, do it right? But we know temporary emotions often lead to bad and regretful decisions. How can we better get control of our emotions? How can we grow mentally and be biblically driven instead of by emotion and reason? We read of how human reason isn't good enough in **Proverbs 14:12**. If being biblically driven is best, how do we do it? Discuss.

Obey God's commands. Read **1 Peter 1:14** and **Psalms 119:11**. Do you read or listen to the Bible every day? *Really*. Every day? What about praying every day? What happens when the Bible fills our minds... *consistently*? Is it possible to think God's thoughts? Discuss.

What if we respond to things the way Jesus would? Read **Ephesians 4:13-15**. What would it look like to be holy? *"The Christian life is a gift and a growth. The gift of salvation is instantly given; the growth into holiness is a process that takes time."* Read **1 Peter 1:15-16**. Jamie said, *"What does the word 'holy' mean? 'Holy' means distinctive, pure, sacred, belonging to God. Removing sin is part of holiness. But holiness doesn't just mean the absence of immorality. Holiness is more. Holiness is a passionate pursuit of God's qualities."* What are some qualities of God we can possess? List 5 now and then discuss.

Read **Ephesians 5:1** and **1 Peter 1:17-21**. *"The cross was not an accident; it was an appointment. It was not a human tragedy; it was a divine strategy."* Jesus died for you, on purpose. Close by reading **Philippians 2:3-4** and ask God to help you to put others ahead of yourself and to continue to grow in your walk with Jesus.