

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 4-25-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What are some immature, childlike habits or actions that simply would not be tolerated if seen in an adult?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Romans 12:2

Digging Deeper: Read Hebrews 5:11-14

Pastor Kevin taught about knowing and doing God's will. Spiritual maturity leads to the knowing and doing of this. Look over this passage to understand more!

1. How have you discerned God's will in your life? Discuss
2. Read vs 11 again in 3 different translations focusing on the last phrase.
How would you phrase the writer's concern in your own words?
3. Read vs 12-13 and discuss why the author seems to be frustrated, even upset, at those he is rebuking. How can this challenge you?
4. What does a person look like who has become lazy, dull, or sluggish (referring to vs 11) in walking out their faith daily? What should you be **doing** to take steps to make sure you are growing in righteousness?
5. Discuss how this process shows you how to understand God's will?

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?