

1) What does it mean to mature in Christ? How has your participation in OIKOS faith formation helped you mature in your relationship with Christ?

2) Why is maturity a lifelong process? Why do we call this a journey?

3) Share with your OIKOS on how you have witnessed their maturity in their faith. Do not name this for yourself but have others name one or two things they have witnessed in your growth in faith. Record those here.

Readings for this week:

Ephesians 4:1-32

Hebrews 6:1-12

Colossians 2:1-12

Psalm 1

- 4) Based on the readings for the week:
 - a) What does Paul mean to mature in Christ so that we will not be blown about by every wind of teaching? (look at different versions for help)
 - b) Hebrews tells us that “we should stop going over the basic things of faith again and again.” AND “we were meant for even better things.” What does this say to you about maturing in faith?
 - c) What does Paul mean in Colossians 2 - “to let your roots grow down in to Christ, let your lives be built on him?”
 - d) What does the Psalmist mean when he suggests that the righteous are like trees planted near the waters?

5) Questions regarding the teaching or the readings? Please submit at least 1 question per person, attach their name to each question please. Remember, there are no stupid questions.

6) Practice spiritual disciplines....prayer, reading Scripture, conversations about faith, dinner blessings etc. What practices are you good at or that come naturally? Which ones do you struggle with?