

Maturity Pt. II

2.26.12

Ephesians 4:7-16

Sermon Discussion Questions:

- 1) Pastor Tom made the point that the questions "what do you want to be when you grow up?" or "what do you do?" are alright questions, but there is a better question. What is the better question according to Pastor Tom? Why is it better? What does it seem to get at that the "what" questions don't?

- 2) What does it mean to grow up or mature (see, specifically Ephesians 4:13)? Does everyone mature? What does this look like in a spiritual sense? Take some time and give examples of what it means to "be like Jesus" by going through the gospels and referring to specific stories.

- 3) Pastor Tom said that the first step in becoming mature is "knowing Jesus". Does knowing Jesus only refer to salvation? What else might it mean (Romans 10:9-10; James 1:22-27)?

- 4) Pastor Tom said that spiritual gifts also help us become mature - but only when we actually use them. What are your spiritual gifts (see also 1st Corinthians 12:4-11, Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-13, 1st Peter 4:7-11)? How does God want you to use your gift?

- 5) Pastor Tom addressed a few misconceptions about spiritual gifts and reasons why people don't use them. Can you remember some of the objections people might have about putting their gifts into practice? How would you respond to such objections?

- 6) What enables us to use our spiritual gifts (see Ephesians 3:20-21)? What does it take to "access" that power and see it in action?

- 7) Was there anything in the sermon you felt convicted about or anything you felt the Spirit saying to you? How can you obey what you felt God saying to you? Is there anyone in your life that you need to share this with?