

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Church Growth
June 7, 2015
Ephesians 4:11-16

- 1.) How would you describe human maturity from infant to adult? What are telltale signs of maturity to you?
- 2.) How is the picture of Christian maturity in the Bible different from our typical conceptions of human maturity?

HINT: Recall the distinction between increased independence and increased dependence and which of these we see in the life of Jesus, who is regularly dependent on his Father.
- 3.) What things in your life cause you to stay immature and be blown about by every wind of teaching instead of being more deeply anchored in Christ? What seemingly positive influences in your life are not actually pointing you to Christ?
- 4.) "The older you get, the more you realize you can't do it yourself." Have you experienced the truth of that comment from an 82-year-old Southwood member? If that is true, how should your life be different today?
- 5.) Which one is more natural or comfortable for you - truth or love? Why do you think that is?
- 6.) Will said, "Jesus spoke some of the toughest moral teaching in the history of the world AND shared life with some of the most immoral people of his day." Can you think of examples of this from Jesus' life?
- 7.) What did you think of Will's examples of what it might look like for Southwood to be maturing in "truthing in love"? Which one made you most uncomfortable?
- 8.) What would it look like for Southwood to be maturing in "truthing in love"? Where do we struggle now? What are your dreams for the future?
- 9.) Reflect together on the glory of truth and love shown on the cross: "absolute truth without compromise and amazing grace without measure," "no soft-selling truth, all self-sacrificing love."



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