COMPASS BIBLE CHURCH



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1 Corinthians 3:1-4 | Spiritually Stagnant

Scripture Memory

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. –1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Community Group Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **Hebrews 5:12-14**. Looking at verse 14, what does the writer emphasize as an identifying marker of the mature believer? Given that, why do you think the solution for the spiritually stagnant soul is to go back to the gospel first rather than starting with a call for them to start bearing more fruit?

2. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**. Paul identifies the possibility that someone may have believed in vain. What do you think a vain faith might look like? How might a Christian distinguish between a season of spiritual stagnancy and a pattern of life that could call into question their profession of faith? (2 Peter 1:5-11).

3. Read **Titus 2:2-6**. What does a passage like this one tell you about your place within the local body of Christ? How does this help change the way you think about your personal holiness and its importance to your brothers and sisters?

4. Read **2 Peter 1:5-8**. Looking back over the past year, where have you seen evidence of spiritual growth in your life? Where have you become spiritually stagnant? What is one specific step you can take this week to pursue growth in that area?

Recommended Reading

Here are some books that may help you with a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While we cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, we do believe these resources will be profitable for thinking through today's topic.

- *The Hole in Our Holiness* — Kevin DeYoung
- *The Enemy Within* — Kris Lundgaard
- *Finally Alive* — John Piper