

# Growing Up

I Corinthians 1:26-2:5

A life that matters grows in spiritual maturity.

*How do we do this?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of relying on \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to relying on \_\_\_\_\_

“The way \_\_\_\_\_ is the way \_\_\_\_\_.”

## For Further Reflection and Discussion

*Opener: Which room in your house do you like best?*

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read I Corinthians 1:2-2:5. What are some of the key words you notice in these verses?

Why does Paul begin this section by having the Corinthians consider their calling?

In Corinth, being considered wise, having influence, and being part of a noble family increased your social status. What gives people status in our culture today? What do people do to increase their status?

What might happen if a person tried to grow in spiritual maturity by employing the same methods they would use to increase their social status?

- What might it look like if a church approached ministry this way?
- What would the results be (on a personal or church level)?

What is true of us if we are in Christ Jesus, according to v. 30?

What approach did Paul take when he launched his ministry in Corinth, and why did he take this approach?

What are some ways you saw God’s power at work in your life when you came to faith?

Why would anyone (the Corinthians or us today) base their faith on man’s wisdom instead of the message of the cross and God’s power?

What are some of the actions and attitudes that are necessary for conversion that will also help us grow to maturity in Christ?

How can we pray for each other?