

Review:

Lesson 1: The Commission

Lesson 5: Baptism

Lesson 2: The Cost

Lesson 3: Origin Stories

Lesson 4: Being Born Again

Early Growth

2 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 Peter 2:1-3; 2 Peter 3:16b-18

When we are born again and begin earnestly following Jesus, if we are subjecting ourselves to ongoing and regular community with other believers, our faith, i.e., our _____, will grow naturally.

Discussion 1. Do you believe your faith is stronger/deeper/more resilient now than it was when you first became a Christian? If so, then to what do you attribute that growth? Do you expect it to keep growing even now? Why or why not?

As fellow followers of Jesus, our love for one another grows over time, as evidenced by how we seek to learn each other's needs and move to _____.

Discussion 2. Why is it so important to understand love as an action word (moving to meet needs) rather than as a feeling? Do you think it is possible to love someone without liking them? Why or why not?

As brand-new, born-again Christ followers, we have (by design) a hyper-awareness of right and wrong, helping us make choices at the outset which cause us to _____ our _____ in Christ.

Discussion 3. Do you recall when you became a new Christian, having a hyper-awareness of right and wrong and wanting to make good choices? Have you seen that in other new Christians? Why is that an important characteristic in a baby Christian?

For every Christ follower, growing to _____ ever closer begins at the very outset of the walk. The more we grow to know Him, the easier it is for us to recognize what is NOT Him.

Discussion 4. What role do you think Bible Studies (like this one) play in our “growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord”? Is it possible to know a lot about Jesus without actually knowing Him? Why or why not?