



**Develop Our Faith and
Purpose in Christ**

June 12-19, 2011

PRAYER: Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises in prayer.

OPENER: When you were a child, what did you make that you were especially proud of?

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4, and Hebrews 5:11

DISCUSS: In your observation, what issues are most likely to deter your development of faith and purpose in Christ?

From these passages, what are the characteristics of worldly versus spiritual people?

How can we stay on track developing our faith rather than keeping our focus on people?

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:5-17

DISCUSS: From verse 6-9 who plants? Who waters? Who is the field? Who is responsible for growth?

How does this illustration relate to the problem in the Corinthians church?

Who are the people that God has used in your life – the “Paul” who planted and the “Apollos” who watered?

What are some circumstances or opportunities God has used in your life to mature and develop your walk with Him?

Which of the following physical stages of life best describes your spiritual stage of development: Newborn? Toddler? Teenager? Middle-aged? Just waiting on my chariot? (Explain your answer)

Read: 2 Peter 3:18

DISCUSS: What are some positive actions you can personally take to “develop” and grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ?

PLAN for ACTION:

What are you currently doing to grow and be purposeful in developing your faith and purpose in Christ?

What do you need to be doing?

How can this group pray for you this week?