

Getting To Know You

1. What should a mature Christian look like (character, actions, behavior, thoughts, etc.)? Explain.
2. How has Jesus changed your life? If there was a before and after picture, what is the most notable change?
3. Billy Graham said, "Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion; it is like a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. Olivia Benjamin said, "A true Christian is one that acts the same around everyone and always endeavors to live a life that is filled with compassion and love." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. Do you have a heavenly or earthly mindset? Explain. What is involved in having a heavenly mindset? How are we hidden with Christ? What are the results/benefits of this? Explain.
2. In Colossians 3:5, Paul says, "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you". Does Paul mince any words here? Why the strong language? Do you/we ever take this directive lightly? What is the danger of doing so? Why is it important to understand the severity and have the right mindset?

How do we do this? What does putting to death what is earthly look like?

What does Paul list as the examples of the things that need put to death? Do you ever display any of these? If so, explain. Have any of them been harder to put to death than others?

3. How does Christ make us new? How do we put on the new self? What does that look like? How do we renew in knowledge? Who should we look like and reflect?

How does Christ unite us? How does He tear down any and all barriers, labels, cultural norms, and division? What does Paul use to display this? What were the 1st century examples of this? How is Jesus greater than all and in all? Explain.

What are some modern examples of this? How is Jesus superior or greater than them?

4. What are we to put on? How are these similar to the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5)? Can we claim to be mature and not look and act like this? Explain.

How much humility, kindness, patience, forgiving, etc. are we seeing right now as a country? How can we be peacemakers? How can we be what God has called us to be? Are you allowing the peace of Christ to rule your heart? Explain.

5. How do we grow and mature as believers? How often are you in the Word? Are you allowing it to dwell in you? Can you pass on to someone else something that you do not possess? Are you

teaching and admonishing others in wisdom? Explain. Why is being biblical one of our core values at Cross Church?

6. What is involved in worship? How does an accurate picture of Christ produce worship in us? In what ways have you worshiped today? This week?

How is doing everything as if you are doing it for Christ one of the purest forms of worship? Explain.

Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?